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of Robert
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Hopes that unemployment total of 1,370,000 may be at peak

By Melvyn Westlake

The underlying level of unemployment may have reached its peak, at least for a while. Evidence suggesting a turning point was provided yesterday by official figures from the Department of Employment showing the fourth consecutive drop in the underlying level of jobless adults in Great Britain, and the largest rise in vacancies for nearly four years.

Government ministers were restrained as the situation in the labour market remains far from clear and an early end to the upward trend in unemployment would be contrary to most predictions.

Yesterday's figures show a drop of about 1,000 in the number of adults without jobs in Britain during the five weeks to January 12. This is after making allowance for the seasonal influences at this time of the year. On this basis, the total number of people registered unemployed amounted to 1,370,000 or 5.9 per cent of the workforce.

However, the gross total of jobless, including 57,000 school leavers, as well as people seasonally unemployed in Great Britain, has risen by 65,000, to 1,485,000. A further 64,000 are without work in Northern Ireland.

But, it is the more refined measure of unemployment that provides the best guide to the actual trend. Viewed in this way, the figures show that since the middle of September there has been a drop of 20,000 in the basic jobless total. This followed the steep rise that alarmed the Government during the summer months.

The decline has not been sufficient to offset the earlier increase, but it has served to limit the rise over the year as a whole. A year ago economic forecasters believed that even the refined measure of unemployment would record 1,500,000 people without work. In fact, the overall rise of about 85,000 during 1977 was less than half that expected.

The more hopeful indications about the trend are supported to some extent by the rise in vacancies. In Great Britain they rose by 20,000 to 181,000 between mid-December and mid-January (also seasonally adjusted). This rise is greater than in recent months, and represents the fourth consecutive monthly increase.

Signs are that the economy is beginning to pick up again, but unemployment usually lags six months behind changes in the level of national output, and throughout 1977 the economy was quite depressed.

Indeed, industrial output has weakened since last spring. One possible answer is that shedding workers has now become prohibitively expensive, and many employers may be retaining more workers than they need rather than pay the costs of making them redundant.

Hugh Noyes writes: Mrs Thatcher served notice on the Government yesterday that she will be making unemployment one of the key issues at the coming general election. She demanded that Mr Callaghan should explain why his policies had not only resulted in 1,500,000 people being out of work but that at the same time no one was available for a large number of jobs requiring skilled people.

He seemed to have achieved a disastrous double. She predicted that Mr Callaghan would go down in history as "the Prime Minister for unemployment".

With as much aggression over unemployment coming from his own benches as from the Conservatives, Mr Callaghan looked *slightly* rattled as he protested that Mrs Thatcher was playing party politics.

He pointed out that one of the encouraging factors was that unfilled vacancies had increased. He hoped that this was the beginning of that upward turn in the economy which the recent tax measures and reductions over the past six months should signify. It would be wrong to assume that in a period of world recession Britain could be exempt from the consequences that were felt elsewhere.

Rise in EEC: Unemployment rose in the European Community and Japan last year while it was going down in the United States, according to a survey published yesterday in Brussels by Eurostat, the Community statistical office.

At the end of December, the nine Community members reported 6,044,000 unemployed or 5.7 per cent of the working population.

For the whole year, West Germany, The Netherlands and Ireland showed decreases, but these were not enough to offset increases elsewhere. In the nine member countries taken as a whole, there were 551,000 more people out of work at the end of 1977 than at the end of 1976.

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Soviet nuclear satellite crashes in Canada

Jnited States aircraft flew last night over e wilderness of the Canadian north in search f radioactivity or wreckage from a nuclear-owered Soviet satellite which broke up and ame down in the North-West Territories. Mr rzezinski, President Carter's National Security dviser, said danger of contamination was slight.

US planes search for radioactive debris

om Patrick Brogan
ashington, Jan 24

A malfunctioning Russian ellite, equipped with a small clear reactor weighing about llb, broke up over western nada this morning and came vn in the North-West Terri- ies. Its progressive disinte- tion was carefully observed the United States, in close peration with the Soviet on.

Ir Zbigniew Brzezinski, the sident's adviser on national urity, took great pains to tell world that there was no ger from the incident. At time was it thought that re might be a nuclear mis- on board the satellite, he l, and the dangers of con- ination from the uranium were slight.

merican experts would not what purpose they thought satellite was intended to e. The Soviet news agency s called it a weather satel- but the extreme care taken it by both the United es and the Soviet Union, even the abundance of re- uring detail issued here. at t raises the possibility that ight have been more valu- than that. Designated nos 954, it was launched on ember 18 last year.

r Benjamin Huberman of National Security Council nember of Mr Brzezinski's) was appointed to co- ate government-planning e satellite came down. In ifelicitous phrase, he com- l it to a small uranium .

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invited the Russians to any information they had the American authorities. obrynin replied on January terms which Mr Brzez- described today as "some- reassuring but not fully ictory".

urther request for infor- was submitted on Janu- , and two days later the ns replied, giving "more ete answers which pro- some additional informa- specially that there was nger of a critical mass ing, and therefore pre- ing an explosion, in effect ear explosion."

nwhile, Mr Brzezinski had n January 17, a directive heads of various minis- including the State De- nt, the Central Intelli- Agency, and the ment of Defence, telling f the situation and set it what emergency pro- should be carried out satellite came down in ited States. Other gov- ts were also informed.

Brzezinski said that he on the telephone to Mr n several times on and Monday, as the 's break-up appeared t. It entered the atmos- t 6.53 am (Washington is morning.

after 7 am President spoke about the matter Pierre Trudeau, the n Prime Minister.

Other governments were informed that the satellite had come down over Canada, and two American aircraft were sent to see if there were any traces of it and if any radioactivity had been released.

It would seem most improbable that they should find anything in the snow-covered wastes of the Canadian north. It has most probably burnt out completely, according to Mr Huberman.

Lethal risk: If the Soviet satellite had crashed on a town or village, the State Department said in Washington, the radiation could have been lethal for anybody who came into direct and prolonged contact with it.

American space experts said the Cosmos was the third satellite equipped with a small nuclear power reactor to fall from orbit. No safety hazard occurred in the other two, which fell into the ocean during the 1960s.—Reuter.

Jack Best writes from Ottawa: Air-to-ground monitoring operations are taking place in Canada's sparsely populated North-West Territories to determine whether the Soviet satellite burnt up in the atmosphere or fell to Earth with its nuclear power source.

Mr Barney Danson, the Defence Minister, told a press conference that, although the satellite probably disintegrated after tumbling out of its orbit, "we cannot take any chances".

The satellite entered the atmosphere north of the Queen Charlotte islands, off Canada's west coast. If it survived reentry, the debris probably landed in the area of Yellowknife, about 800 miles north-east of the Queen Charlottes on Great Slave Lake.

American aircraft with monitoring equipment are using Edmonton, Alberta, as a base.

If radioactivity is found, Canadian anti-contamination squads will be sent in to try to clean it up, Mr Danson said.

Asked whether Canada might lodge a complaint with Russia, Mr Danson said: "That is something that certainly will have to be pursued."

"White ball of fire": Royal Canadian Mounted Police, radio operators and residents of Yellowknife saw the final moments of the satellite as it hurtled across the sky, a flaming ball of fire, in the eaerly morning darkness.

"I saw a white ball of fire," said Constable Dale McLeod, who was patrolling Pine Point on the southern edge of the Great Slave Lake. "I watched it for some distance. I saw a red light and also some small balls of fire."

"I thought, by golly, it's a jet on fire," said Mrs Maria Ruman, a Yellowknife resident. "I then realized it wasn't ... It was red flames, dozens and dozens of pieces following along with each other."—Reuter.

Soviet assurance: The Soviet Union confirmed in Moscow that a satellite had dropped from orbit over Canada and claimed that its nuclear power supply was designed to destroy itself completely in the event of a fall.

The Tass statement said the satellite had "terminated its existence". It blamed the fall on sudden "depressurization".—AP.

Party revolt crushed by Prime Minister

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The Prime Minister last night easily crushed an internal Labour Party revolt over the Government's intention to "guillotine", or limit to three more days, debate on the European Assembly Elections Bill.

The vote at a closed but reputedly good tempered meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party was 132 to 69.

The guillotine, or timetable motion, will now be moved in the Commons on Thursday, and is expected to carry, with Conservative as well as Liberal support, notwithstanding the opposition of those Labour MPs certain to remain unreconciled to Britain's membership of the EEC.

Mr Callaghan's argument was that the Government must carry out its international obligations. If debate on the Bill was left to run without limit he knew the irreconcilable opponents wanted to kill it altogether. Even if they did not succeed it would take up such inordinate time that other necessary legislation would not get a place.

He said they could elect someone else as leader if they wanted to, but while he had the job he would take the decisions. It would do party and Government greater harm to abandon the Bill (for that would be the consequence of not guillotining, he insisted) than to go forward.

Such was the account given to reporters by Mr Cledwyn Hughes, chairman of the parliamentary party. Mr Hughes added that the mover of the motion to abandon the guillotine, Mr Bryan Gould (Southampton, Test) had at the end suggested withdrawing his own motion, but his colleagues insisted on a vote, the PLP's first in three months.

However, Mr Gould's friends insisted later that he had tried withdrawal only because he was furious with Mr Callaghan's dismissal of their case.

Mr Foot, Leader of the Commons, preceded Mr Callaghan in insisting that without the guillotine the Bill would be lost. He mentioned the Prime Minister's personal commitment and said the party owed much to Mr Callaghan's leadership.

Without a commitment to continue with the Bill there would have been no pact with the Liberals and his supreme objection, Mr Foot was quoted as saying, was that the Prime Minister must be able to choose the best time to call an election.

Labour's national executive committee is to meet today to decide whether the party should contest the European elections.

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Mr Silkin threatens boycott over EEC delay on 'green pound'

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Jan 24

The threat was made after the German, Dutch and Belgian agriculture ministers insisted that they could not give their final approval to Britain's plan for a 7.5 per cent devaluation without further consideration by their cabinets. They promised to report back by February 2, but this was not soon enough for Mr Silkin, who wanted positive replies from them by noon on Thursday.

Failing that Mr Silkin said, he did not see how he could "justifiably leave London" for Berlin, where he is to take part in an informal meeting of EEC agriculture ministers on Friday that could determine the basic rules of the Community's fisheries policy

The reason he gave for not being able to attend was that he would need "much time and patience" to explain to the House of Commons why his EEC colleagues were unable to accede as once to its expressed wishes. He claimed that it was unprecedented for the Council of Ministers not to give immediate approval in such cases.

If the Germans, the Dutch and the Belgians did not approve the green pound devaluation, Mr Silkin said, there would have to be another Council of Ministers meeting to discuss the issue. In that case he would also find it difficult to give his attention to the second fisheries meeting in Brussels next Monday.

Mr Silkin in Brussels

A boycott of the two meetings by Mr Silkin would remove any point in holding them because Britain, with its extensive coastal waters and fish stocks, is the key to a settlement of the Community's long-running fisheries dispute. Despite today's threats, however, there is hope for agreement on the British request.

Although other member states say they have had insufficient time to consider the British request (originally only for a 5 per cent devaluation), the real cause of their dismay is that it will push up the guaranteed prices paid to British farmers by 8.1 per cent. (The green pound is the rate at which EEC farm prices are converted into sterling.)

Mr Silkin, Britain's Minister of Agriculture, threatened tonight to boycott EEC meetings on fisheries policy on Friday and next Monday because the Council of Ministers refused to approve immediately the British request to devalue the "green pound" in accordance with last night's vote in the House of Commons.

This windfall to British producers is naturally resented by other EEC governments which are being asked by the European Commission to accept an average increase in farm prices this year of no more than 2 per cent.

Mr Silkin conceded that a 7.5 per cent devaluation was more than was necessary to help British livestock farmers, the only sector of the agricultural community facing real difficulties. But he accused his colleagues of "sweet hypocrisy" in criticizing him now for taking action that previously they had urged upon him.

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Paris police sceptical about demands in kidnapped baron case

From Ian Murray
Paris, Jan 24

Claims and counter-claims about the kidnapping in Paris yesterday of Baron Edouard-Jean Empain, the Belgian industrialist, have been adding to the tremendous difficulties of the police in their efforts to track down the criminals.

Of the three principal calls so far, two have been from political groups and the third from someone claiming to speak for a gang of professionals who want 40m francs (£4,400,000) in ransom.

The calls have all been made to newspaper or radio offices. They have all been anonymous and not a single indication has been given to show that any of the callers really did take part in the kidnapping. Police are extremely sceptical about any of the calls being genuine.

The most menacing threat has come from someone claiming to speak for the Noyau Armé pour l'Autonomie Populaire (Armed unit for popular self-government). It has demanded the release of two jailed members of the West German Baader-Meinhof terrorist group, Irmgard Möller and Rolf Pohl, as well as one of its own members, Christian Harbulot. It has threatened to execute the baron by noon tomorrow if the three have not been freed by then, and to kill other industrial leaders after that.

These threats were made in the form of two anonymous telephone calls, first to the news desk of Radio Luxembourg in Paris and then to the news desk of the Nancy paper *L'Est Republicain*. The call to the radio station did not specify any demand, although the threat to kill the baron was made. The call to the newspaper included the names of the three people the group wants released.

Both calls were made during the morning from somewhere in Paris, but attempts to trace them have not been successful.

A rival claim was also made to Radio Luxembourg by someone claiming over the telephone to represent the Joris van Severen group. This group takes its name from a Flemish extremist, who formed a movement after he lost his seat in the Belgian Parliament in 1931. He was arrested and executed in 1940 and since then he has had little more than a legendary reputation, the last demonstration in his memory being held seven years ago.

Today's anonymous caller claimed that the baron was prejudiced against the Flemish and that details of his release would be issued in a statement on Friday evening.

While discounting neither claim out of hand, the police believe that they have got to spread their net much wider than a search for the members of these two extremist groups. The NAPAP claim has already been denied by another anonymous caller to the newspaper *Republican Lorrain* in Thionville.

Another telephoned denial of NAPAP involvement was made to the left-wing daily *Liberation* in Paris during the afternoon.

Police surveillance of NAPAP has shown that it is divided into separate cells of about five militants each, with liaison agents keeping them in touch with one another. Their liaison is probably not all that good, which makes it possible that both claim and counter claim might be accurate.

It is the military precision of the kidnap which provides the best clue to the identity of those who carried it out. The fact that it was carried out in broad daylight in a main avenue in Paris and yet only two witnesses other than the baron's chauffeur saw anything shows how carefully planned and executed it was.

The split-second timing of the kidnap could only have been achieved through forward planning, including a careful study of the baron's regular habits. The brisk efficiency of the operation once it had started bears comparison with the way in which the West German industrialist Dr Hanns-Martin Schleyer was kidnapped last September.

This "professionalism" has caused the police to think less of the claims of the two groups. The usual method used by any kidnap gang is to go to ground for a period immediately after taking its prisoner. This gives time for the police hunt to cool down before giving any extra clues in the form of a ransom demand.

It seems out of character with the professionalism of the

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Millions of LSD doses 'made in London'

By Stewart Tendler

Up to half the western world's illicit supplies of LSD were produced at two laboratories, one in Wales the other in a detached Victorian house in a London suburb, it was alleged at Bristol Crown Court yesterday. The laboratories also supplied 95 per cent of the home market supply of the hallucinogenic drug.

The court, presided over by Mr Justice Park, was told that the LSD "factory" in London, at Seymour Road, Hampton Wick, was used to produce millions of LSD dosages. A kilogram of the basic ingredient, costing £3,000, could produce a million doses costing £170,0000 at "factory-gate prices" and £1 a dose on the streets.

Between 1973 and 1976 the organizers of the laboratory bought 15kg of the ingredient called ergotamin tartrate from a Swiss firm, it was alleged. *Supplies of the chemical were* thought to have been stored in a Swiss bank deposit for use when required.

When the laboratory was raided last March as part of Operation Julie, a vast police operation, the last production run was nearing its end.

Yesterday four people pleaded not guilty to charges in connexion with LSD. The jury was told that several other people had already pleaded guilty to charges involving LSD manufacture and supply.

Mrs Janice Spenceley, aged 28 of Glynrichet Fach, Dyfed; a male student, aged 23, of Edinburgh; Monica Kenyon, aged 20, single, of Georgiana Street, north London; and Martin Annable, aged 29, a teacher, of Radnor Gardens, Twickenham, London, all pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy to supply LSD. Miss Kenyon also pleaded not guilty to charges of possession with intent to supply LSD and cannabis.

Mr Ian Kennedy, QC, for the prosecution, said that in 1971 Home Office scientists had begun monitoring LSD recovered in Britain. By 1975-76 they were *satisfied* that much of the drug in circulation was coming from one source. A police investigation, set up in February,

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Rover strike over type of overalls

By Clifford Webb

While Leyland Cars is struggling against another cash flow crisis, production of its award-winning Rover "car of the year" was stopped yesterday by a dispute over the condition and colour of a few pairs of workmen's overalls.

Six vehicle inspectors walked out at the company's Solihull plant saying that they had been issued with brown paper-based overalls instead of the white cloth ones that they insisted were the normal allocation for their job. Forty other inspectors stopped work in sympathy.

Leyland had no alternative but to lay off all the 3,600 assembly workers producing Rover 3500s, 2600s and 2300s, for which there is a long waiting list of buyers.

The inspectors are expected to return today but the stoppage will have cost £1.5m of Rovers at showroom prices.

Last night a company representative said: "The inspectors wanted to be paid for the time they spent on Monday arguing with management about the type of overalls issued to them. When this demand was rejected they walked out.

"We admit that three pairs of overalls were in an unsatisfactory condition, but they were the only ones available. It will take about three weeks to obtain the white cloth overalls.

"Because of the nature of the agreement reached with the men the overalls have to be made to measure and to an agreed specification. They are not just bought off the peg."

Czech 'to join Salyut crew in space'

Prague, Jan 24.—A Soviet Soyuz spacecraft with a joint Soviet-Czechoslovak crew on board will be sent into space to join the orbiting Soviet space platform Salyut 6 within the next few days, informed sources said here today.

The sources said the Czech cosmonaut is a pilot. The launching would make Czechoslovakia the third country to have a man in space.

Two Czechoslovaks, two Poles and two East Germans have been training with Soviet cosmonauts for at least two years at the "City of Stars", near Moscow.

The launching of Soyuz 28 manned by a Czechoslovak and a Soviet cosmonaut cannot take place until the unmanned supply ferry Progress 1 has separated from the Salyut 6 space station and until the two Soviet cosmonauts on board have made sure that its docking mechanism is still in good working order.

A Czechoslovak may have been chosen for the first joint mission to mark three important anniversaries in his country this year—the thirtieth anniversary of the Communist takeover; the tenth anniversary of the "fraternal" intervention by Soviet-led Warsaw Pact forces to crush the liberal Dubcek regime, and the sixtieth anniversary of the declaration of the Czechoslovak Republic.—Agence France-Presse.

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Egypt disappointed by Vance mission

A senior diplomat in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry has said that he regards the mediation mission to the Middle East last week by Mr Vance, the American Secretary of State, as disappointing. He said the mission had achieved "nothing positive" and he doubted that the Americans had the will to act Page 9

Terrorists marry

A convoy guarded by Irish troops drove Edward Gallagher, kidnapper of Dr Herrema, 70 miles from Portlaoise prison to marry Rose Dugdale, serving nine years for robbery, at Limerick jail. Permission, which was granted by the new Fianna Fail justice minister, had been repeatedly refused by his coalition government predecessor Page 2

Wilmington decision

The Governor of North Carolina reduced the sentences of nine of the Wilmington Ten, but refused to pardon the black men convicted of arson and conspiring to shoot police. They could be freed on parole within a year Page 10

Belize independence edges nearer

Britain appears to be moving closer to a settlement on the independence issue involving the Central American colony of Belize. Mr George Price, the colony's Premier, has begun talks at the Foreign Office. However, Mr Callaghan told the Commons yesterday that Britain was not involved in formal negotiations with either Mexico or Guatemala Page 9

President questioned

American Justice Department investigators have taken the highly unusual course of obtaining statements from President Carter and other high officials concerning the dismissal of a public prosecutor in Philadelphia. Mr David Marston lost his job because he was a Republican appointed by President Ford and no secret has been made of that Page 10

Brigitte Bardot in seal hunt protest

Brigitte Bardot, the French actress who has campaigned for the protection of wildlife, was surrounded by photographers when she arrived in Strasbourg, where the 20-nation Council of Europe called on their governments to ban harp seal hunting. anada sent a letter refusing to comply Page 8

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Mrs Thatcher says family farmer is obstacle to increasing state power over individuals

By Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent

Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, told farmers last night that their way of life was threatened and that the Conservatives intended to protect it. Her speech marked the promotion of farm policy to a commanding position on her party's platform after three years in which it has been obscured by the wider argument about inflation.

Mrs Thatcher said at the annual dinner of the National Farmer's Union that the "green pound" motion on which the Government was defeated in a Commons vote on Monday was not just about food prices and money for farmers. The difference between what the Government had wanted and what the Opposition had forced it to accept was less than a sixth of a penny in the pound in the cost of living.

In the Commons vote, the Government was defeated on its proposal to devalue the green pound by 5 per cent. The combined opposition parties supported instead a Conservative motion calling for a 7½ per cent devaluation.

The Government's defeat showed that the difference between Labour and Conservative policies for farming and food is more marked than at any time since Labour came to power in 1974.

To emphasize that difference, Mrs Thatcher portrayed the independent family farmer as a main obstacle to the Government's aim of incresing the power of the state over individuals.

Mrs Thatcher gave her audience even more encouragement by stating clearly that she preferred the arguments of farmers for a devaluation of the green pound to those of the food processers who opposed it. "It is not the business of politicians to please everyone", she said. "That would be impossible. It is our business to try to do justice to everyone."

Earlier, Sir Henry Plumb, president of the NFU had said in the first session of its annual meeting that 7½ per cent "is going to be insufficient for the investment in agriculture that is needed to supply the needs of the nation".

It would have little effect on the cost of living and would not eliminate the low returns and cut-price competition faced by farmers, he said.

"If the effect of a 7½ per cent devaluation is 1½ per cent on food prices, a productivity increase of only three eights per cent from the average industrial worker is needed to offset that", Sir Henry said. That figure also represents the rise in the cost of living which the devaluation will eventually cause.

Mr David Davies, a dairy farmer from Great Kingshill, Buckinghamshire, said: "This devaluation will still not give us the large margin that we need. The rate is still out of line by over 22½ per cent".

Mr William Donald, who farms 900 acres at Ridlington, Norfolk, was alarmed by the decline of the livestock sector, to which farmers in his arable county sold grain. "Seven and a half per cent is nowhere near enough", he said. "We want our grain used in this country and not exported to Europe or dumped in intervention stores".

Sir Henry considered that the efforts of some grocery processors to keep farm prices down "incredible and intolerable and completely unacceptable" He drew cheers by saying: "I sometimes think there is far more spent on packaging than on food itself."

He said a 7½ per cent devaluation would reduce but not eliminate subsidies on sales of food to Britain from other EEC countries. The subsidy on bacon sides would be cut by £66 to £165 a tonne and by 4.4p to 13.9p a pound on butter. Sugar rise: The British Sugar Corporation, which processes all British sugarbeet, said yesterday that it had agreed a rise to farmers of 50p to £20.50 a tonne for beet harvested this year.

Mr Steel on failure of pact with Labour

By Our Political Correspondent

Attacking the Government for not seeking earlier discussions with the Liberals to get an agreement. on the devaluation of the "green pound", Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, said yesterday that to let sections of farming go into depression "for the short-term aim of picking up votes" was gravely damaging.

"I am astonished that the Labour Party . . . should face the prospects of growing world food shortages in the 1980s with a programme which makes Britain less efficient than it should be in producing its own food", he said.

The Government defeat on Monday had underlined its dependence on the Liberals. It had followed the failure of the Liberal-Labour consultative committee to reach an agreement on agriculture acceptable to the Government.

"Earlier efforts ought to be made to secure agreements between us on policy: 7½ per cent blunt across-the-board devaluation of the green pound is not the most sensible of policies, and a larger two-step, but selective, devaluation in the beef and pigmeat sectors would have been better for everybody", he said.

Referring to the possibility of a Liberal pact with either Labour or the Conservatives after the next election, Mr Steel said: "In the light of our experience this session it is probably desirable that any future agreement be put to the parliamentary Labour or Tory parties for endorsement before we embark on it, so that it is clearly understood that commitment to it would extend beyond the ranks of ministers."

TUC seeks to end phase-four speeches

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Trade union leaders warned Mr Healey, the Chancellor, yesterday that it was not politic to take to the country the message that a fourth year of pay restraint was necessary.

That quiet reminder was given to Cabinet ministers by members of the TUC economic committee making representations on the forthcoming Budget. They asked for a £3,000m expansion of the economy, mainly to be achieved through lower personal taxation and job-creation.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said afterwards that the recent spate of speeches by ministers about the need for continuing restraint after the third phase of the Government's counter-inflation policy expires at the end of July might be "totally counter-productive". Ministers have been urging the need for further pay discipline, suggesting that the level of rises in the 1978-79 bargaining round should not exceed a twentieth.

The unions told ministers that such talk might jeopardize pay negotiations now taking place in the public and private sectors. But the Civil Service Department is understood to be about to make a pay offer to leaders of 500,000 white-collar civil servants that will be well below the present maximum of a tenth.

Mr Healey insisted in his talks with the TUC at the Treasury that there was "no orchestration" of ministerial opinion on the future development of pay bargaining. But apparently he nodded to signify that he had taken on board the union's protest.

In their budget representations the unions' proposal of a £3,000m expansion of the economy is equivalent to a 3 per cent expansion of present economic growth. Most of that should come from a reduced-rate band, the TUC says, so that taxpayers should pay only 25p in the pound on the first £1,000 of their taxable income.

In addition, the TUC is seeking the restoration of public spending to the levels obtaining before the Cabinet accepted cuts as part of the price to be paid for loans from the International Monetary Fund. It was nonsense, the unions said, for the National Health Service to have facilities completed but empty because there was not enough money to pay nurses and doctors. The TUC also wants the Government to promise not to increase school meals charges in the autumn.

Mr Healey listened to the unions' proposals for a reduced-rate band for taxation, but said he was not committed to it. "He was doing more listening than talking, and that is a bit of a change for Denis Healey". Mr Murray said.

Government to review foreign services

By David Nicholson-Lord

A government review of Britain's overseas representation possibly in the form of a White Paper, is to be built on last year's much criticized study by the Central Policy Review Staff (the "think tank").

That was made clear by Dr Owen, Foreign Secretary, to MPs on the Commons Expenditure Committee during their final hearing on the review staff's study last night. Among the review staff's recommendations were reductions in BBC external broadcasts, the abolition or truncation of the British Council, a continued run-down in overseas posts, and changes to achieve commercial expertise in the Diplomatic Service.

Dr Owen emphasized that he disagreed with much of the report's tone and proposals, but said it contained some detailed and comprehensive work. The Government's review would include more departments than just the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The Foreign Secretary's tone before the expenditure committee's defence and external affairs subcommittee was largely critical. He said the study's approach to Britain's position in the world was too simplified and defeatist and relied too heavily on purely administrative changes.

The change in Britain's role reflected the increased complexity of international affairs as much as economic circumstances. Britain suffered from lavish self-denigration. "In that tone perhaps lies my greatest disagreement with some of the passages in this report", he said.

Dr Owen also argued against the amalgamation of the Diplomatic Service with the Home Civil Service, as suggested in the report. The pattern of the 1960s and early 1970s had shown that the creation of big ministries led only to more bureaucracy.

An alternative that needed examination was staff interchange between the Foreign Office and other government departments. Ways should also be found for fast promotion of "high-flyers" in the Foreign Service, possibly including a slimmer service.

He also emphasized the value of the British Council's independence from government. There was scope for a reduction in overseas information services, he added, and he accepted the report's criticisms of the inaudibility of many of the BBC's external broadcasts. Better audibility might entail economies in other parts of the overseas service, he said.

In exchanges with Mr Neville Sandelson, Labour MP for Hillingdon, Hayes and Harlington, he also appeared to reject the review staff's idea of a Cabinet office committee on bilateral relations. Spawning committees was a disease he said.

The expenditure committee expects to publish its own conclusions on the study by the end of next month.

MoD may act on bad foreign debts

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence urgently considering tak steps against overseas c tomers who are slow to se their debts, it emerges toda

It follows the disclosure t £87m was outstanding at end of 1976, twice as much two years before. Ab £13,900,000 had been owing more than nine months, ne half of it by four countr "whose record for delayed p ment had worsened".

The story of the minist bad debts is told by the Co troller and Auditor General the Appropriation Accounts 1976-77. The ministry, w attributes its increased tota the general difficulty of se ing money from overseas tomers, refused last night name the four countries pa cularly concerned.

Under the present system sends reminders after four six months. If the account unpaid after seven month raises the matter with the c try's defence attaché in Lon and sometimes through British defence attaché in country concerned.

Now, however, it is to special attention to count with a persistent record for payment and is looking at w in which it might act.

It is also planning to cha in advance for overseas s who come to be trained at vice establishments in Bri or in ships of the Royal Na

In 1976-77 it received £ to help to train foreign visit whose home countries are l sent bills for tuition, food, commodation, flying hours ammunition.

However, the Comptro points out, those bills are o not sent until some months a the students have started t ing.

Meanwhile the ministry reviewing its charges to c tries that buy ammunition f royal ordnance factories.

There is concern that enough account is taken of interest lost on the Br money used between making ammunition and shipping i 1976-77 the ministry is tho to have lost about £500,00 not allowing for that.

Appropriation Accounts, Vo Classes 1-111 (Stationary O £5.40).

Tug's cost trebled: A sec hand tug that the Ministr Defence estimated could bought and converted for R Navy use for less than £1m so far cost more than according to the Governm Appropriation Accounts 1976-77 (a Staff Repc writes).

In 1973 it was decided th vessel was required in Clyde area, for "certain going operational tasks" harbour duties. £1,500,000 f new vessel was considered great an outlay, so the Da Swedish-owned, British- tug was bought for £694,00 1974. The cost of putting r the vessel's deficiencies estimated at £200,000.

Renamed HMS Wakeful, tug started naval operatior April, 1974, but in her firs months of service abou hundred operational def were reported and the ve was only available on 66 of 150 days when she required.

In his report the Comp ler and Auditor General n that by September last expenditure since purchase defects, modifications, impr ment and mainten amounted to £2,300,000.

Cabinet ruling on reactors may come today, MPs say

By Fred Emery

An announcement of the Government's decision on new nuclear power reactors is imminent, and informed MPs believe that it could come today or after tomorrow's full Cabinet meeting.

The same MPs believe that the option of building two British advanced gas reactors (AGRs) will be chosen, together with a design and feasibility study for the pressurized water reactor (PWR). If so, Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, will have won his argument in Cabinet against nuclear industry interests.

None of that was confirmed or denied in Whitehall last night, and ministers gave orders for silence. But the way is clear for a statement of government intentions after a two-hour meeting of senior ministers yesterday morning with the Prime Minister in the chair. Virtually all the Cabinet were present, and Whitehall sources confirmed that the discussion concerned nuclear reactors.

According to informed MPs, the government statement would authorize the construction of two AGRs to come into operation in 1987, one at Sizewell, Suffolk, and the other at Torness, Scotland. They would provide much immediate work in the nuclear industry, the MPs had been assured.

The PWR would also have been built by the British nuclear industry, and the Central Electricity Generating Board and part of the nuclear industry had sought a firm commitment for the building of at least one. The Cabinet committee has demurred, according to the MPs, and agreed to Mr Benn's suggestion that there should be preliminary studies. These would not be related to a particular site or constitute a firm commitment for a plant order. The point of the study would be to obtain clearance from the Nuclear Installation Inspectorate.

It is calculated that the PWR design study will cost about £40m. The cost of the entire reactor programme of the next generation has been put at £20,000m.

Labour must open radical drive now, Mr Benn says

By Michael Hatfield
Political Reporter

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, set out last night what he believed should be the six campaign themes for 1978, leaving little doubt that he thought there might be a general election before the end of the year.

Labour should open its campaign now, he told the School of Oriental Studies in London. He was convinced that the economic crisis in the capitalist world could be overcome only by the adoption of radical measures and socialist programmes to restore full employment, expansion of the welfare state and the public services, and resumption of the long, difficult task of creating a fairer and more democratic society, free from discrimination.

His six campaign headings were: jobs, better public services, the fight against fascism, internationalism, human rights and a democratic and socialist perspective.

Unemployment, he said, was a "grave curse on our whole society" and must be eliminated. Public ownership was on the agenda because public investment was going to be needed on a large scale and it would be completely wrong to undertake it without public accountability and control.

Mr Benn said unemployment was a breeding ground for fascism and so ere poor housing and bad social conditions. It was wrong to suppose that the "dole" was any more acceptable today than it was before the war.

"The campaign to prevent fascist ideas from gaining ground here is a campaign of national self-preservation, just as it was during the war when we fought the Nazis", he said.

Labour was committed to a fundamental shift of wealth and power in favour of working people. "We see the crisis that engulfs the capitalist world as the reason for the reform and not as an excuse for salvaging that which has failed", he said.

Devolution proceedings are to be divided up

By Our Political Editor

The Government's intention of springing a surprise change today in the Scotland Bill proceedings, possibly cutting out the chance of embarrassing votes, was disclosed yesterday in the Commons and could lead to another Government defeat.

Mr George Cunningham, Labour MP for Islington, South, the resolute anti-devolutionist, sailed close to the rules of the House in disclosing that something was up and challenging Mr Foot, Leader of the House, to say what. Mr Foot declined amid noisy demands on all sides.

But outside the Chamber Mr Cunningham railed against the change of business he disclosed would be proposed today. He predicted that it would be defeated by combined Tory and Labour votes

It transpires that the Government intends to "sectionalize" the already guillotined proceedings, with one section lasting until 7 pm, the next until 10 pm, and the third after 10 pm, but possibly continuing the next day.

Mr Cunningham did not accuse the Government of malpractice, but he protested at the effect of the change. It was that amendments, including one of his own, providing that Scottish devolution should be repealed unless a stated minimum of the Scottish electorate voted "Yes" in the referendum, would now be precluded from discussion.

A Conservative amendment would require 33 per cent; Mr Cunningham's amendment would require a 40 per cent "Yes" vote. The Government, of course, would resolutely oppose any such amendment. But Mr Cunningham protested that those important matters would never be reached, while the three hours "stolen" and allotted to the following section would be given over to what he called trivialities.

He cited a Tory amendment to give "expatriate" Scots the right to vote in Scotland. That was certain to be defeated. Another was to have a separate vote count in Orkney and Shetland: that was superfluous, since it was already the case.

Another casualty of the business change would be an amendment to have a referendum in Orkney and Shetland to be moved by Mr Grimond, the former Liberal leader.

Today's business motion will not be open to debate, which is likely to intensify backbench disgruntlement.

Police look at long-term pay formula

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Reporter

A police pay formula that bears striking similarities to the firemen's "exceptional" deal has been suggested by the employers' side of the Police Council to Lord Edmund-Davies's inquiry into police pay and conditions.

It suggests the possibility of linking police salaries to average adult male workers' earnings, thus assuring police men and women of a permanent place in the country's wage league.

The Police Federation last night described the employers' evidence as pathetic and said it went no way towards solving the manpower crisis in the police force. A representative added: "It demonstrates how right we were to walk out of the Police Council in 1976."

One of the employers' most contentious suggestions is on overtime. The "right" salary level should recognize that the police service has to function 24 hours a day, 365 days a year they say. "We consider that the right salary level should obviate the need for additional payment for duty on public holidays or for overtime at the end of a shift arising out of incidents during the shift."

It says the manpower position is disturbing. Despite 1,500,000 unemployed, there was a small net loss of policemen in 1976,

The gap between the employers and the Police Federation on pay appears to be enormous. One formula suggested by the federation would link police with adult male non-industrial workers and, it estimates, give £118.92 a week on average. The employers' formula would, late last year, have given constables with four years' training about £75 a week.

Average constables' earnings, which include overtime and allowances, are £95.78 in Britain, £88.63 in England and Wales (outside London), £91.58 in Scotland, £123.25 in London, and £138.04 in Northern Ireland.

Other pay examples, excluding overtime, rent allowance, free housing and other allowances: constable after 15 years' service, £3,918; sergeant after six years, £4,563; inspector after five years, £5,295; chief inspector after five years, £6,033; superintendent after three years, £7,839; chief superintendent after three years, £8,703.

Police 'followed drugs men to rubbish tips'

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1976, succeeded "beyond anything they could reasonably expect", he added.

Two laboratories were identified. When the police raided Seymour Road in March, 1976, they found three men. One was Andrew Munro who, Mr Kennedy added, was "a chemist who was putting his training to disastrous purposes producing this drug". Mr Munro, he said, had pleaded guilty to manufacturing LSD and conspiracy to supply it.

Another man, counsel continued, was well set up, prosperous and dressed quite conventionally. He drove about in a car like "any rising executive". He was in every way as far from the picture of the "flower power hippy" as anyone could be. He used an alias known to the police and several other names. In 1973 he had obtained 10kg of the chemical from a Swiss company.

During the police inquiries before the raid he was followed and found buying glassware, chemicals and other equipment. The laboratory was found to include advanced instruments for checking the quality of the LSD being made.

Mr Kennedy said the police, tracing back the man's purchases, calculated that the laboratory had had six production runs.

While following the man the police tracked him and a second man to a tip in Reading, where they tried to burn some rubbish. They were stopped because of local council regulations. The police recovered the rubbish and found glassware.

They also followed Mr Munro a day later to another tip, at Kingston upon Thames. There was a queue and to avoid suspicion the officers collected rubbish from gardens and joined the queue behind Mr Munro. They dumped their rubbish but collected his and found items previously marked by the police.

Mr Kennedy said: "One of the most significant ways to measure the operation is the price of LSD. Whereas at the time the police made their raid tablets of LSD might be bought for about £1, nowadays the price, if you can get them, is anything from £5 to £8."

The chain of supply from the laboratory was constructed with thought and attention, he said, "just as you would expect from people, almost all of whom have been to university".

Mr Kennedy spoke about the profits to be made and said he would be talking about numbered bank accounts in Switzerland.

The London factory produced for only a limited period, he said, because the LSD was not stable, flooding of the market was to be avoided, and there were limitations on the equipment's capabilities.

LSD took up to 12 hours to make and the chemist would be exposed to the drug. He would be "on a permanent trip" and need to rest after working.

The joint renter of one of the Swiss accounts visited the deposit box twice in July, 1976. At Seymour Road that man's role was to supply inert tablets for LSD microdots. The manufacturers produced two types of dosage, one shaped like a dome, the other like a dot. The intention was to confuse the police and meet the fads of the market.

The inert substance for the dots was calcium lactate. Tablets, 100 at a time, were bought from chemists in Glasgow, Penrith and Carlisle. Calcium lactate was sometimes used by the elderly to help to strengthen their bones.

Counsel said that when the police raided the laboratory they found piles of jars, which would have contained a total of 35lb of calcium lactate. Groceries were used to carry the LSD around. Packages of Swiss breakfast food were bought and part of the food replaced by packets of LSD.

The LSD went from the laboratory to a Mr Nigel Fielding who, counsel said, had pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge, and part went from him to one man and part to another man, and from that man abroad. Mr Kennedy said Mr Annable's chief activity was as "a sort of paymaster general, The trial continues today.

Rose Dugdale married in Limerick prison

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Two of Ireland's best known republican terrorists were married yesterday in the heavily guarded oratory of Limerick jail.

The wedding of Rose Dugdale, aged 36, and Edward Gallagher, aged 30, was the first between convicted prisoners permitted in the history of the Irish Republic. She is serving a nine-year sentence for her part in an £8m art robbery and Mr Gallagher 20 years for kidnapping Dr Tiede Herrema, the Dutch businessman.

Inevitably in some Unionist circles in Northern Ireland, the fact that the wedding took place at all was seen as further evidence of lack of determination of the new Fianna Fail Government in the struggle against republican terrorism. Permission for the couple to marry had been repeatedly refused by Mr Cooney, the hard-line Minister for Justice in the previous coalition government.

Shortly after breakfast yesterday Mr Gallagher, flanked by two special branch detectives, was driven 70 miles from Portlaiose high security jail to Limerick in a convoy guarded by troops. An Irish army helicopter flew overhead and a company of soldiers guarded the prison while the brief ceremony took place.

The bride and groom were allowed two hours together before the ceremony, which was sanctioned by Mr Collins, the new Minister for Justice and conducted by a young Roman Catholic priest. After exchanging gold rings and a kiss Mr Gallagher was driven back to Portlaiose. A handful of guests, including the couple's son, aged three, attended.

Left-wing MPs back tribunal on Ulster control

A so-called international tribunal on Britain's presence in Northern Ireland was launched at the House of Commons last night.

Its sponsors, including four left-wing Labour MPs, believe that Britain's exercise of military, judicial and political control in Ulster has disturbing implications

The tribunal members, who have yet to be chosen, will investigate the role of the security forces and allegations of torture.

Youth is jailed over killing

Henry Russell, aged 17, was sentenced by Mr Justice Thesiger at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to five years' imprisonment for killing Stephen Anderson, aged 52, a tramp, at Peckham, London, last July.

Mr Russell, of Brayards Road, Peckham, was cleared on Monday of murder but convicted of manslaughter by a majority verdict. Three other young people, including a boy of 12 and a girl of 15, were convicted of murder

Art union can make own rules

The Slade Art Union, a section of the Society of Lithographic Artists, Designers, Engravers and Process Workers, (Slade), won the first round yesterday in its legal fight for the right to formulate its own rules without interference from its parent organization.

Mr Justice Goulding said in the High Court that the SAU's constitution, granted when it was created by Slade in 1974, made the section responsible for formulating and adopting by majority ballot vote any rules, or amendment to rules, which shall apply to them.

22 councils start campaign for return of powers

The leaders of 19 large English district councils met yesterday to urge the Government to restore some of the powers they lost in the local government reorganization in 1974.

They were speaking for 22 authorities outside the metropolitan areas with populations of between 100,000 and 200,000, which have decided that the local government system is not working satisfactorily.

The 10 largest non-metropolitan district councils in England and Wales have already formed a group to press the Government to return their powers. Now the 22 seek an early meeting with the Prime Minister and Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment.

The 22 are:

Basildon, Blackburn, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Brighton, Cambridge, Chester, Ipswich, Luton, Mtaway, Middlesbrough, Poole, Norwich, Oxford, Peterborough, Preston, Reading, Southend, Slough, Thamesdown, Torbay and York.

Villiers evidence on Monday

By Our Political Correspondent

Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of the British Steel Corporation, will give evidence in private next Monday to the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries on documents that he was required to produce at the behest of the Commons Serjeant at Arms on January 18.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Mr Russell Kerr, Labour MP for Hounslow, Feltham and Heston, met in private yesterday to discuss their next course of action. They were apparently satisfied with the information Sir Charles had produced.

Later the committee announced that Sir Charles would give evidence on January 30 and Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, on February 6, also in closed session.

"No further statement will be issued by the committee until the publication of a further report", the announcement concluded.

A rumour that Sir Charles had seen the committee in private yesterday was categorically denied.

Open University man suspended

Mr Tom O'Carroll, an employee of the Open University, who has been associated with the Paedophile Information Exchange, which seeks to legalize sexual acts with children, was suspended by officials of the Open University at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

An Open University spokesman said: Mr O'Carroll has been suspended from his duties for two weeks

Attempt to stop NF meeting fails

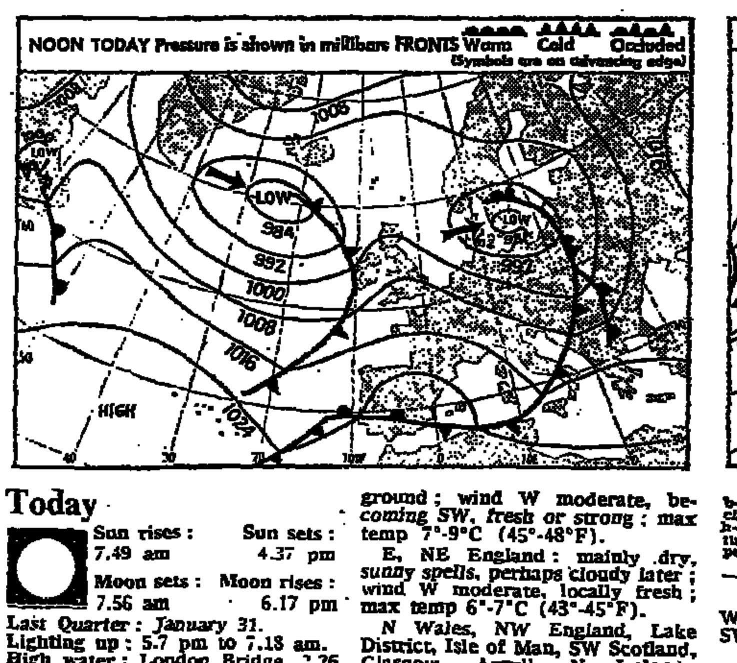
An attempt by the minority Labour group on Tameside Borough Council, Greater Manchester, to stop a National Front meeting in Hyde Town Hall tomorrow failed last night.

An amendment to a committee recommendation that the hall should be let to that organization as "a legally constituted body" was lost by 30 votes to 20.

Tremor-tracking unit

Britain's first earthquake-tracking station opens today at Keele University, in Staffordshire.

Weather forecast and recordings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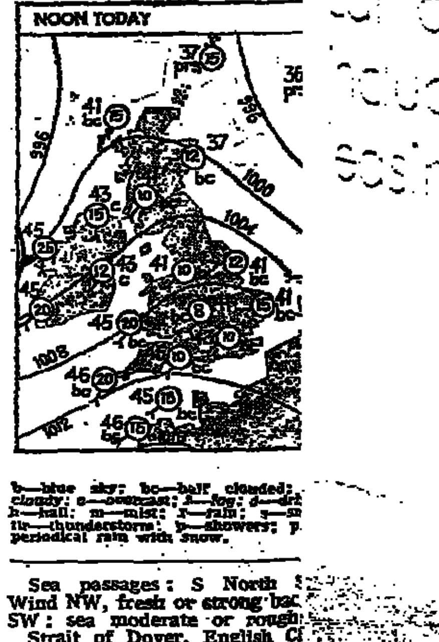

b—blue sky; bc—half clouded; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—dri h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—sn th—thunderstorm; p—showers; p periodical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 7.49 am
Sun sets: 4.37 pm
Moon sets: 7.56 am
Moon rises: 6.17 pm

Last Quarter: January 31.

Lighting up: 5.7 pm to 7.18 am.

High water: London Bridge, 2.36 am, 7.0m (22.9ft); 2.46 pm, 7.0m (22.9ft). Avonmouth, 7.46 am, 12.7m (41.8ft); 8.9 pm, 12.8m (42.0ft). Dover, 11.45 am, 6.5m (21.3ft). Hull, 6.56 am, 6.9m (22.8ft); 6.59 pm, 7.2m (23.5ft). Liverpool, 11.55 am, 9.1m (29.8ft).

A ridge of high pressure will cross the British Isles from the W, followed by cloudier weather in the W, with rain or snow.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight.

London, SE England, East Anglia, E Midlands: Mainly dry, sunny spells, perhaps cloudy later; wind W moderate, locally fresh; max temp 7°-9°C (45°-48°F).

SW, central S England, W Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Bright or sunny spells, cloudy later with rain, snow on highest ground; wind W moderate, becoming SW, fresh or strong; max temp 7°-9°C (45°-48°F).

E, NE England: mainly dry, sunny spells, perhaps cloudy later; wind W moderate, locally fresh; max temp 6°-7°C (43°-45°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Bright or sunny spells, becoming cloudy with rain; some snow, especially on hills; wind SW fresh, becoming S strong, perhaps gale; max temp 5°-7°C (41°-45°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NW Scotland: Mainly dry, bright or sunny spells, perhaps cloudy later; wind W, moderate, backing SW; max temp 4°C (39-43°F).

Aberdeen, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Scattered wintry showers, sunny intervals; wind NW moderates; backing W; max temp 4°-5°C (39°-41°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Continuing changeable and rather cold; bright spells and showers merging into longer spells of rain, sleet or snow at times, chiefly in N; night frost.

Sea passages: S North Wind NW, fresh or strong bac SW: sea moderate or rough.

Strait of Dover, English C nel (E): Wind W to NW, fr backing W, becoming moder sea moderate.

St George's Channel, Irish S Wind W, fresh, backing SW coming strong; sea moderate, coming rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp.: max, 6 am 6 pm, 9°C (48°F); min, 6 pm 6 am, 7°C (45°F). Humidity pm, 57 per cent. Rain, 24hr 6 pm, 0.03in. Sun, 24hr to 6 2.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 996.7 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, Cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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Algiers	c	15	59	Cardiff	c	7	45	Locarno	c	2	36	Nice	f	13	55
Amsterdm	c	7	45	Copnhgn	sn	1	34	London	c	8	46	Oslo	sn	-1	30
Athens	r	10	50	Dublin	f	5	41	Luxmbrg	c	7	45	Paris	r	8	46
Barbados	f	27	81	Edinbrgh	c	5	41	Madrid	c	11	52	Reykjavik	s	-3	27
Barcelona	f	15	59	Florence	r	5	41	Majorca	c	14	57	Rome	c	12	54
Beirut	f	18	64	Geneva	r	6	43	Malaga	c	15	59	Ronldswy	c	5	41
Belfast	f	6	43	Gibraltar	f	15	59	Malta	s	15	59	Stockhlm	sn	0	32
Berlin	c	2	36	Guernsey	c	4	39	Miami	c	24	75	Tel Aviv	s	16	61
Bermuda	f	16	61	Helsinki	sn	-3	27	Montreal	f	-2	28	Toronto	f	-3	27
Biarritz	r	13	55	Innsbruck	c	5	41	Manchstr	c	6	43	Venice	c	4	39
Brmnghm	c	6	43	Istanbul	c	9	48	Moscow	s	-7	19	Vienna	c	1	34
Bristol	f	7	45	Jersey	r	10	50	Munich	r	3	37	Warsaw	s	2	36
Brussels	r	8	46	L Palmas	c	18	64	Naples	f	12	54	Zurich	r	5	41

Overseas selling prices
Austria, Sch 18; Belgium, Bfr Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Dkr Finland, Fmk 3.35; France, Frs (inc TVA); Germany, Dmk Greece, Dr 35; Holland, Dfl Hongkong, HK$ 6.00; Italy, Lire Luxembourg, Lf 33; Madeira, 23.50; Malta, 12c; Norway, Kr Portugal, Esc 25; Spain, Pes Sweden, Skr 4.25; Switzerland, 2.30; USA/Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia Din 24.

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TUC leader backs campaign to avoid heart disease

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, launched a "fitter Britain" campaign yesterday by describing how he became a victim of a heart attack last year.

"Before my mild heart attack I did very little exercise", he *said at the launching* of the campaign, organized by the Health Education Council. "When the doctors saw me, to my surprise they did not talk about the stresses and strains of running the TUC but asked how heavy I was and how much exercise I took.

"I had to tell them my exercise amounted to getting up and walking down the stairs."

Mr Murray said that since his convalescence he had been exercising every *morning*, walking at weekends and avoiding using a car as much as possible. "I feel a much better and brighter person for it."

The campaign, to encourage people to take more exercise, *eat more sensibly* and stop smoking has already been the subject of television advertisements, and the Health Education Council has received 3,000 requests for "health kits" with advice on how to get fit.

The organizers hope that the long-termresult of the campaign will be a reduction in heart disease, which is responsible for more than 178,000 deaths in the United Kingdom every year. About £150,000 is being spent on the campaign *with probably another £400,000* to come.

Mr Murray said: "The average worker loses less than half a day's work a year because of strikes. But he, and she, loses three full weeks a year, every year, from certified sickness. So let us get things in proportion and spend a bit more time keeping it."

The campaign will run initially for six months and is backed by local health authorities, *which are starting* keep-fit groups, "slims-ins", jogging and skipping competitions and lectures and demonstrations. Some resorts are planning exercises on the beach for flabby holidaymakers.

Sir *George Godber*, chairman of the Health Education Council, said: "We are not trying to tell people what to do. We want to help them to see what they are able to do for themselves."

Closure of hospitals defended

Hospital closure are the subject of a "massive misunderstanding" if not deliberate misrepresentation of the facts, Mr *Ennals, Secretary of State for* Social Services, said yesterday.

"Some press reports have given the impression that hospital closures are evidence that our health service is being run down, and is doing less for *patients*", he *told* the North-west regional conference in Manchester of the Confederation of Health Service Employees. "That is just not true."

In many cases, he said with new and efficient buildings were replacing antiquated ones. In *the 21 months to September*, 1977 6,240 beds were closed, but in the three years 1974-77 more than 20,000 new beds were opened.

"I make no apology for the policy of closing hospitals that are no longer needed." Underused beds cost money that could be better spent elsewhere.

£1m for Wales: The National Health *Service in* Wales *is to* get an extra £1m in 1978-79 for increased expenditure it was announced yesterday.

Ombudsman rejected by patients

The Health Service Commissioner should not be allowed to investigate complaints involving doctors' clinical judgments, the Patients Association said yesterday. Its statement *opposes a recent recommendation* from a select committee of MPs.

Instead, the association called for independent investigating panels, recommended in 1973 by the Davies committee *but rejected by the MPs as too* cumbersome.

The association said it opposed such powers for the Ombudsman because many complainants whom the association had referred to him on matters of alleged maladministration had been dissatisfied with his *reports*.

There was also no chance to comment on replies by staff, although the staff were told what the complainant had said. "After *seeing* the report many complainants have insisted that *evidence given* by staff was not or could not have been true."

It was *urgent that* some system should be set up to investigate complaints involving clinical judgment.

Public 'has fate of V and A in its hands'

By Ian Bradley

Dr Roy Strong, Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, said yesterday that the fate of the museum was in the public's hands.

He had been deeply *moved* by the number of distinguished figures *in the* art world who had written to The *Times in the past few days* urging that the museum should *be transferred* from direct government control and given *an independent* board of trustees as have the British Museum and *the National Gallery*.

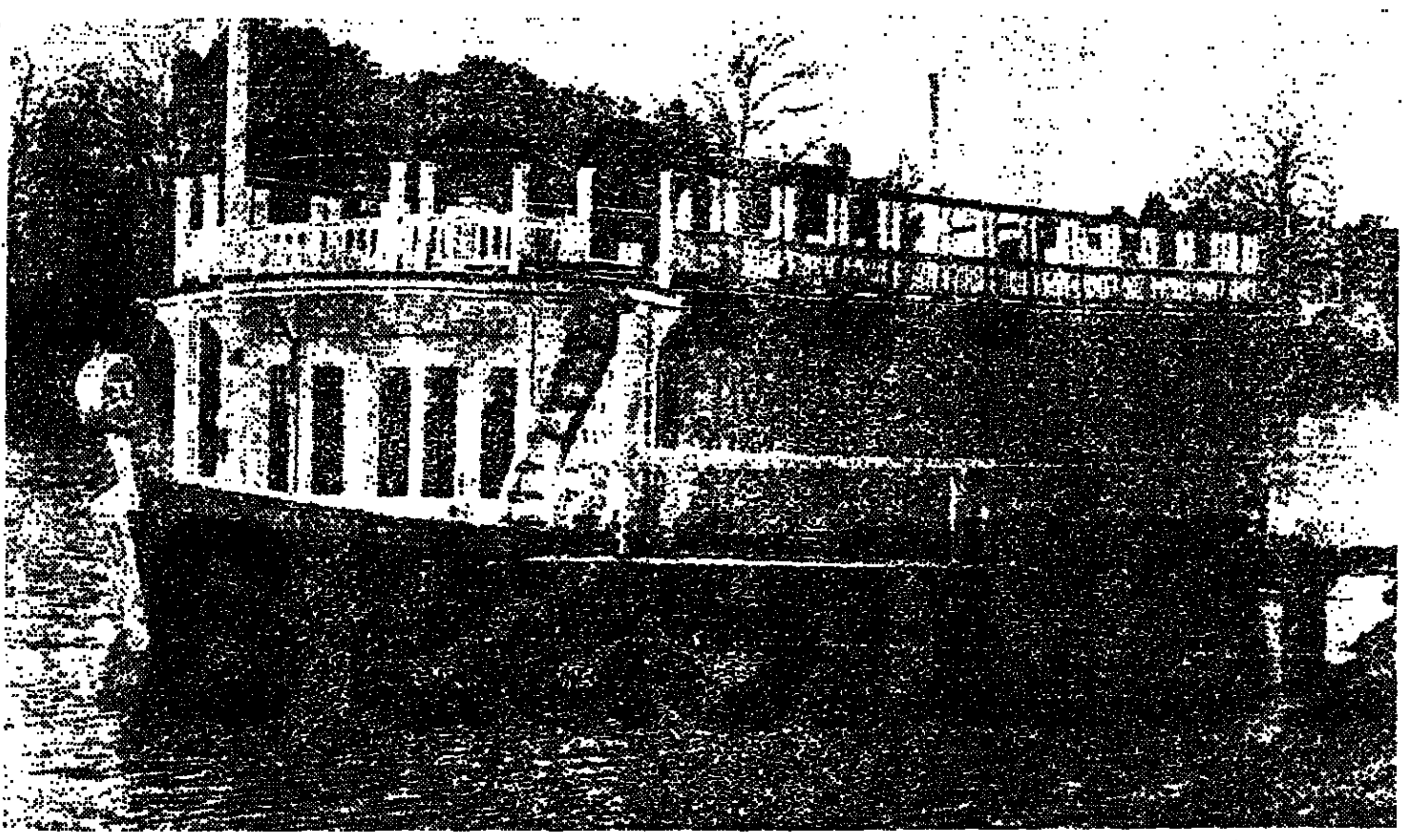
"Although, thanks to Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, the building programme of the Victoria and Albert stands intact, there willb e no staff to open the new galleries", he said. Work is due to start next month on the Cole Building, named after the muse um's founder, Sir Henry Cole, which will house prints, drawings and photographs.

It had been hoped that the building would release space in the main museum to house contemporary works of art and *design*, Dr Strong said. "I wanted to see the twentieth century *blazing* through this museum. The Victoria and Albert is not only the past, it is today.

Staff cuts imposed by the *Department of Education* and Science, which controls the museum, have led *to its closure* every Friday, the disbanding of its 130-year-old regional services department, which served local museums, and the closure of Apsley House two days a week. The museum may *close its other out-stations at* Ham and Osterley for four days a week.

Dr Strong said that from April a third of the museum might have to be closed on any one day. The staff has been reduced *since November, 1976*, from 697 to 626. The Tate Gallery *and the National Gallery* have, held their staffing levels and the British Museum has increased its staff from 1,000 to 1,016.

Last Week Mr Oakes, Minister of State at the department, told the Commons that he esimated number of visitors to the Victoria and Albert last year showed an increase of *more than half on the 1976* total, despite the closure for one day a week for half the year.



St Catherine's College, Oxford, is appealing for help in restoring its last college barge, seen above on the Isis, or for suggestions for other uses for it. The barge needs extensive repairs, for which the college cannot pay.

Training of nurses to EEC standard 'costly'

By Annabel Ferriman

Implementation of the new EEC directive on nursing would *be expensive, Mr* Anthony Carr, area nursing officer for Newcastle upon Tyne, *told a conference* organized by the Royal *College of Nursing in London* yesterday.

Under the directive, which allows free movement of nurses *within the European Community*, student nurses will have to study four specialisms in addition to medicine, surgery and paediatrics. They are home nursing, obstetrics, psychiatry and geriatrics, only two of which *have to be studied at present*.

Mr Carr said a minimum of 32 *weeks* in a three-year course would have to 'b espent on those specialisms, so that only 69 weeks or less could be spent on general nursing, compared with the present 85 weeks or more.

Employment of student nurses would become more expensive, because while they were learning new specialisms they would have to be replaced *on general wards*.

When a new national syllabus *was introduced in 1976, allowing* nurses to specialize more, it effectively reduced the Newcastle nursing complement from 780 to 679, or 13 per cent, he said. With that increase in costs there was *likely to be a reduction* in the number of student nurses *employed*.

In the short term that would *improve the ratio of* trained nurses to student nurses on the wards, but it would ultimately result in a reduction of trained staff.

Mr Carr also thought that 69 weeks of training in general *nursing, which in some* circumstances would be reduced to as little as 37, was not sufficient. He suggested that a six-month post-qualification period of supervised experience *would* have to be introduced for those who had followed a properly integrated course, and a one-year period for those who had had to "prop up the *service* in hospital".

The directive, which was signed last June and must be *implemented by June*, 1979, lays down a minimum period of training of 4,600 hours. Mr Carr said that although the movement of nurses between countries would be small for small for some years to come *it was likely to increase greater* mobility would create management difficulties because of language and cultural differences between the EEC countries.

Universities win place on new schools body

By Diana Geddes
Educational Correspondent

Representatives of the university vice-chancellors and principals *and of the independent* schools would, after all, be assured of a place on the new Schools Council under revized proposals for its reconstruction.

The proposals are in a *final* report from a council review *body. It recommends replacing* the present 77-member teacher-dominated governing council with three smaller, interdependent committees and will be presented to the governing council next Tuesday.

An interim report last July would have given independent schools no representation on the proposed 53-member council convocation, largest of the three committees, and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors *and Principals would have had* to compete with other interest *groups for eight unspecified* places.

The review body's final report recommends increasing the membership of the proposed convocation by three, to 56, *with* an extra place for further and *higher education. all representatives* of which are now to be from specified bodies including the vice-chancellors; a third place for the churches; and a place for the Independent Schools Joint Committee.

The convocation, it is hoped, will provide a national *forum* for the discussion of educational issues affecting schools, will only have 23 represenatives of teacher associations. It will include more lay representatives than the present governing council, *including at* least two parents, and two *members* each from the TUC and Confederation of British Industry.

Formal resolutions amending the Schools Council's consitution *will be put to the* governing council in April. If adopted, it is hoped that the new arrangements will take effect by September.

The teachers would retain their overall majority on the proposed professional committee, 23 of whose 37 *members* would be appointed by teacher associations.

Teachers would have 12 of the 28 places on the third proposed body, the finance and priorities committee, which would be the main channel for *makin grecommendation to the* Government

The professional committees main function would be to execute the work of the council within the broad direction laid down by the finance and priorities committee.

'Not enough journalists managing newspapers'

Too many senior manag ment posts on newspapers ar "held by a plethora of accoun ants and so-called personne specialists who harbour *obscur* theories about man-managemen when a *modicum of commo* sense would do, and by adve *tising and marketing* specialist not a few of whom seem *have equally* curious ideas abou the packaging and selling newspapers," Mr Alasda MacPherson, chairman of t Newspaper Conference, sa yesterday.

Mr MacPherson, Lond *editor of The Scotsman*, w speaking at the annual luncre of the conference, the organiz tion of London editors regional newspapers.

He said enormous pow would be vested in the journ *list with the arrival of* n technology but there had be a gradual decline in the powe management granted to edito Technology would make n sense of the argument th editors and other seni editorial executives should concerned only with editor matters, leaving others to do managing.

"The pendulum has swu too far from the editorial", said. "What I do know is th *several of the more successf* newspaper groups in Britain managed by former journalis

"But others are run people who, I suspect, have real understanding of the ne paper industry and would pr *ably be just as happy turni* out potato crisps or cornflake

Given the *powers* that jour lists would have, it must sur be sensible to bring more them into direct manageme

To those who thought the d would never come when mo and more journalists were w *ing to contemplate indust* action in order to improve th living standards, Mr MacPh son said: "Ye ken noo. W is even worse youl h succeeded in helping to t the National Union of Jour *lists into a militant union* which the militants are too of allowed the dominant role.

The poor rewards given newspapermen in the provin have given the loony Left th opportunity."

£12.3m home fo BurrellCollectio

Glasgow Amenities C mittee has approved a ten from Taylor Woodrow C *struction (Scotland) Ltd* build a £12.3m galery to ho the Burrell Collection of treasures on the Pollock est The Scottish Office is to m half the cost.

The collection compr *8,000* works of art, which h been stored in a secret w *house since 1944, when* t were given to the city by late Sir William Burrell.

Adults literacy units announce

An adult literacy unit operate for two years, is be set up on April 1 by National Institute for Ad Education with a governm grant of £300,000 a year.

Mr K. Brooksbank, form *chief education officer* Birmingham, is chairman the management committ and Mr Alan Wells, dep director of the Adult Liter Resource Agency, will be h of the unit.

'No tax returns since 1964-65'

Mr Victor Leslie Edwards *haulage* contractor in London, with debts of £80, *told* the London Bankrup Court yesterday that he made no tax returns si 1964-65.

Mr Edwards, of Ravensc Street, *Bethnal Green, said* had paid up to 10 drivers a week each, *and made no* vision for tax.

Kent dispute end

Plans for protest action Kent teachers were called yesterday after the county promised council that 154 staff would be appointed September.

More Open University courses on BBC

By Alan Hamilton

The BBC yesterday announced improvements to its Open University educational programmes, *some* of which have remained unchanged since *the university first went on the* air in 1969.

Important new programmes include the university's first course on religion, intended for second-level students, more than 1,000 of whom have applied to take it as part of their arts degree. The course comes after the successful television series *The Long Search* and examines most of the main religions of the world through film of their rituals and customs.

Another new and potentially controversial course has been prepared on the control of technology. It takes the view that *technology is out of control* and examines such areas as control of the pharmaceutical industry, and the role of the Friends of the Earth pressure group in the public inquiry over nuclear development at Windscale, Cumbria.

The BBC's Open University *unit, housed* at Alexandra Palace, will move to Milton Keynes in 1981. It has remade the original foundation courses in arts and mathematics, which were first produced in black and white in 1969. The arts course, now in colour and more closely *integrated* with the accompanying textbooks, is *thought by its producers to be* slightly more taxing on the student.

But the introductory course in mathematics, also remade in colour, has had to be made simpler because of the high failure rate of students taking the original series.

The BBC has designed some new technology of its own for *the new session, including a* microscope through which specimens can be shown straight on to videotape for science programmes.

Musician jailed on charges over pornography

Derry Webster, aged 39, described as an unemployed musician, was jailed at Totnes Magistrates' Court, Devon, yesterday for 12 months and fined £20 after pleading guilty to 14 *specimen* charges.

Six were of having obscene *magazines and a film for publication* for gain; one was of selling three obscene photographs; six were of selling films and magazines; and one was of committing an act of gross indecency with a man aged 18.

Mr Webster, of Flora Street, *Stoke Gabriel, Devon, was said* to have told the police that one item of pornography was supplied to him by a vicar in Plymouth.

Mr Tom O'Carroll, chairman of the Paedophile Information Exchange, was named in court as a customer of Mr Webster. *The prosecution said Mr* O'Carroll called at Mr Webster's home *two or three times*.

Bill to pass on security cost to air passengers

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Air passengers will have to foot an annual bill of up to £150,000 to *meet* the salaries and expenses of civil servants administering the security fund fund to be established under the Civil Aviation Bill.

Yesterdaya Commons *standing* committee began considering *a Bill r o transfer* from the taxpayer to the industry the cost of protecting airports and aircraft from acts of violence and terrorism.

Airport operators *will pay* into the fund at a flat rate of 80p a passenger, and it is assumed that the cost will be passed on directly to passengers.

Opposition MPs argued unsuccessfully that the fund, *and therefore the passenger*, should not have to meet the additional cost of expenses incured mby the Secretary of State for Trade in its management and control. An amendment to delete that provision *was rejected*

Mr Clinton Davis, Under-Secretary for Trade, said the principle enabling the Secretary of tSate to recover those expenses was an integral part of the proposals. The cost was *unlikely to exceed £150,000 in* a full year.

It included salaries and over heads of eight staff now employed in reimbursing the cost of security measures to the industry.

More journalists

The National Union of Journalists recruited a record 3,096 new and readmitted members last year, bringing its membership to more than 30,000. A total of 301 members *resigned*.

JPs criticized for many refusals over legal aid

By a Staff Reporter

The Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers yesterday criticized magistrates' courts that consistently refuse a high proportion of applications for legal aid. It based its comments on a survey in this week's *New Law Journal*, in which Mr Howard Levenson, a solicitor and lecturer in *law, shows* that huge discrepancies exist between the various courts.

Nationally, 11 per cent of applications for legal aid are refused, including a refusal rate of 13 per cent in the Me politan Police area. Within metropolis, Highbury Ma trates' Court refused 39 *cent of applications in 1976* Thames Magistrates' Court per cent. In Greater Lond Highgate refused 45 per c and Brentford 30 per c *Marylebone* refused only 2 cent and Hampstead 4 per c

Mr Levenson's figures s gest that similar discrepanc exist in the rest of the coun The society is annoyed at arbitrary nature of the grant of legal aid by magistrates

Social worker given six years jail for fraud

A social worker who was said to have defrauded relatives of cancer patients of more than £38,000 was jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for six years.

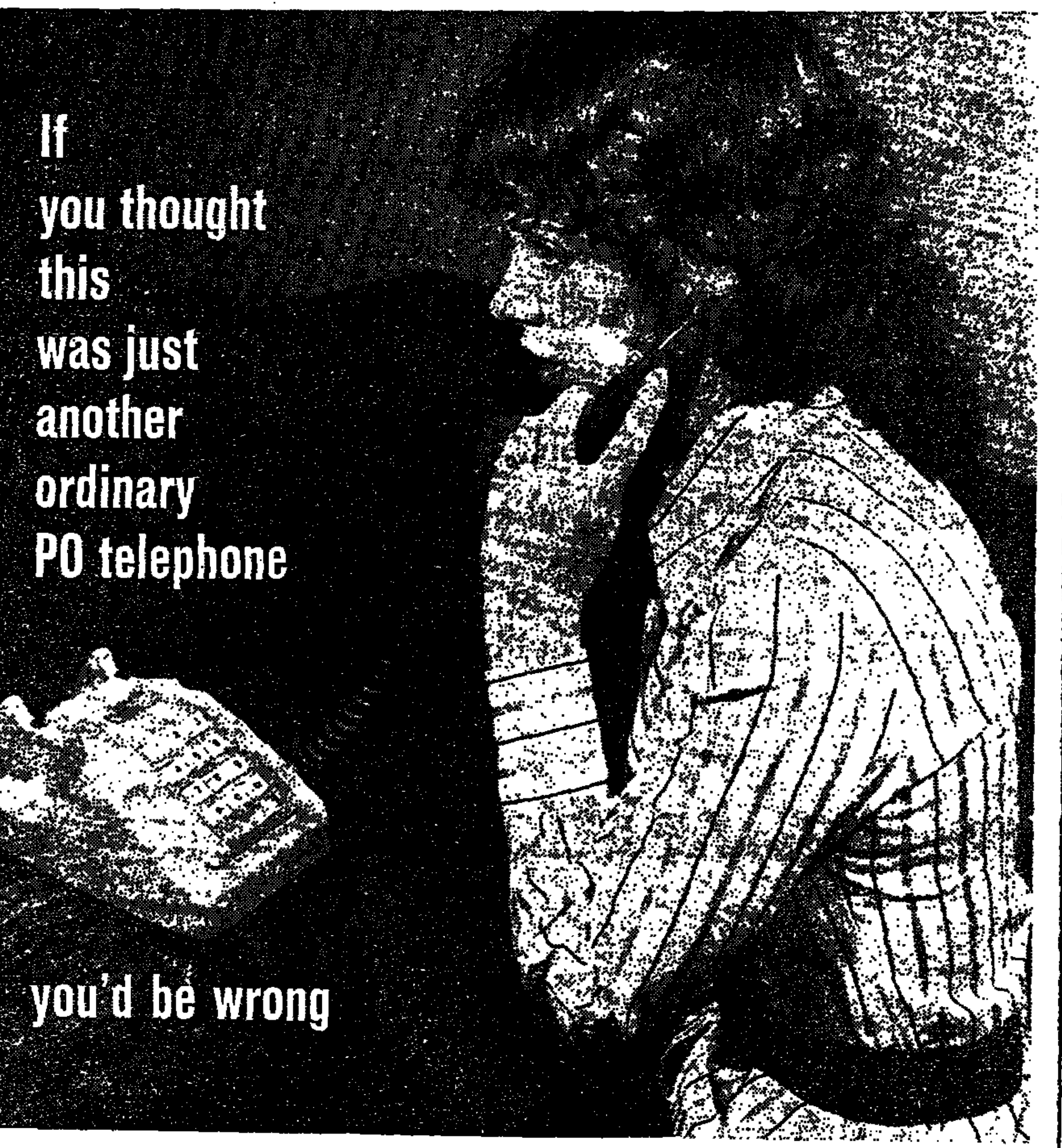
Mrs Armenal Mitchell, aged 46, of Shermanbury Road, Worthing, Sussex, admitted nine charges of theft, one of obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception and five of obtaining credit while an undischarged bankrupt.

Mr Brian Watling, for the prosecution, said *Mrs Mitchell* defrauded relatives of terminal cancer patients at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, *Surrey, of* sums totalling £38,600 in 20 months. Of that figure, £18,368 had not been recovered.

He said she had been previously *convicted of similar* offences at another hospital but the Royal *Marsden did not* know that when she applied for the job as a social worker.

The case was opened last *week, but after the prosecution* case had ended Judge Miskin, QC, the Recorder, said he could not continue because it had come to his notice that a close relative of the defendant had been a friend of his some years ago. Mr Watling reopened the case before Judge Lawson, QC, *on Monday*.

Mrs Mitchell said: "I had tried for nearly two years to make use of psychiatric help. *God knows, I have asked* and asked, and now that I have found *people to help me I have* no need to continue with this fantastic, immoral way of life."



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Mrs Thatcher attacks continuing high level of unemployment

House of Commons

It was sheer party politics to suggest that the unemployment sweeping the Western world was due to the policies of the Government, Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, told Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition.

The exchanges began when Mr Wyn Roberts (Conway, C) invited Mr Callaghan to study today's unemployment figures showing an increase of 67,000 and again exceeding the 1,500,000 mark.

When (he asked) will the Prime Minister reduce those figures to the 600,000 his Government inherited ? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—The unemployment figures published today show little change on the seasonal figures: namely, there is a fall of 1,000. One of the encouraging factors that I hope the House will feel is useful is that unfilled vacancies have increased and correspondingly the seasonally adjusted figure has risen by much more than normal.

I hope this portends the beginning of that upward turn in the economy which the Chancellor's tax measures and reductions over the past six months should portend. I believe this is so, but it would be wrong to assume that in a period of world recession his country will be exempt from the consequences that are felt elsewhere.

Mrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C)—Will he explain why his policies have not only resulted in 1,500,000 people being out of work but at the same time in no one being available for a large number of the jobs for which skilled people are required ?

How has he managed to achieve the disastrous double of 1,500,000 people out of work and a shortage of skilled labour ?

Mr Callaghan—The Conservative document The Right Approach—(Conservative cries of "Answer ")—which I study with great care and frequency, told us that the fundamental weakness of the British economy in its failure to be competitive was deep-seated and could not be removed in less than a decade.

Therefore, as she knows perfectly well, it is sheer party politics to suggest—(Conservative protests)—that the unemployment which is sweeping the Western world is due to the policies of the British Government.

On the last part of her question, she is misinformed. I have had a number of inquiries made into the kind of statements she has produced. There have been specific examples of shortages of skilled men, but the result of the last inquiry I made, literally only a week ago and conducted on a broad basis, is that generally speaking, although there are specific shortages in a few areas, there is no overall shortage of skilled men, I am glad to say.

The Government's retraining programme, the largest ever undertaken, is overhauling specific shortages. This is one reason why the economy must be allowed to expand at a steady rate and not get into the situation we had in the early 1970s when we had boom and bust. This is what I am determined to resist.

Mrs Thatcher—If our problems are such deepseated ones, is not the reason that the Labour Party has been in power for 10 years out of the last 13? (Conservative cheers.)

Whatever excuses the Prime Minister may give, he cannot run away from the fact that our policies did not produce unemployment as his have. He will go down in history as the Prime Minister for Unemployment. (Renewed Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—I do not know who was responsible for that last remark but I am sure it will get headlines somewhere.

It will not alter the fundamental appreciation of the people of the realities of the situation.

If it is any consolation to Mrs Thatcher, I have a feeling we shall be in power for the next 10 years.

From farm policy defeats PM's thoughts turn to having a Tory prices index

A new prices index—the TPI, or Tory prices index, was suggested by the Prime Minister as an addition to present monthly indices, showing the result of the Conservative vote on Monday night.

Mr William Molloy (Ealing, North, Lab) asked the Prime Minister during question time to spell out in some detail the contribution and sacrifices which ordinary working people had made in the fight against inflation, in contrast to the attitude of the Conservative Party by their vote last night and by their attitude to the Prices Bill and the attitude of the CBI.

Their attitude seems to be (he said) to punish the working people by increased prices, because they put the national interest first.

Mr James Callaghan—It is true that the decisions of trade unions and their members over the past three years, including the 12-months rule which they adopted voluntarily, have helped to reduce inflation substantially and that during that period this has reduced their standard of life.

During the fourth quarter of 1977 the standard of life for the first time for some time—since 1975—began to improve. That will continue during 1978. I shall certainly take the opportunity of spelling that out on every occasion.

On the Tory attitude, we all know what that is. I wonder whether I could devise any addition to the retail prices index, like a TPI or Tory prices index, to be published every month to indicate the result of their vote last night.

Mr Charles Morrison (Devizes, C)—When Mr Callaghan next meets the TUC will he explain one reality of the present unemployment situation, that our unemployment is worse, according to a reply from the Under Secretary for Employment, than in France, Germany, Italy, and the United States, and why ?

Mr Callaghan—If one goes back for a decade or even longer, one will always find that unemployment in this country has been higher than in the Federal Republic or France.

Conservative MPs—Why ?

Mr Callaghan—Because the causes are deep-seated.

Conservative MPs—They are socialist causes.

Mr Callaghan—We are now overcoming them. I am glad to say that the country has shed a great many of the beliefs that there was some magic key which would turn and make this country competitive with others.

I believe that both sides of industry, and even now with the support of the Conservative Party, understand what needs to be done and will turn their attention to doing it.

Longer life for the Green Goddesses

Service pay increases for completion of training which has been interrupted by fire fighting duty would be backdated so that Servicemen did not suffer, Mr John Gilbert, Minister of State for Defence, said.

Mr Max Madden (Sowerby, Lab) asked what had been the total cost to date to the defence department of the fire service dispute.

Mr Gilbert (Dudley, East, Lab)—It will take some time to compile the total extra cost incurred by the Ministry of Defence during the firemen's strike and I am not yet in a position to give a figure.

Mr Madden—Can he estimate the total cost and what part of it may fall on other bodies, including local authorities, and what contingency plans his department may have, including the replacement of Green Goddesses ?

Mr Gilbert—It would be premature for me to give an estimate of total cost. As for where the ultimate burden of the cost will fall, we would expect to be able to reclaim our extra costs from the civil departments where it is reasonable and fair to do so.

The future of the Green Goddesses is a matter for the Home Secretary, but I understand that they are not going to be disposed of as was originally intended.

Mr Emlyn Hooson (Montgomeryshire, L)—Should not the whole of the cost be recovered by the defence department from the Home Office or the local authorities as it is an extra burden on the defence department ?

Mr Gilbert—We are not going to be backward in trying to see that no undue burden falls on the defence vote.

Sir Ian Gilmour, chief Opposition spokesman on defence—This is an appropriate occasion for the House to express its gratitude to the Armed Forces for the way in which they carried out their fire fighting duties.

Mr Gilbert—We should not let any occasion go by without expressing the gratitude of the House and the Secretary of State has done that on more than one occasion. In today's issue of the London Gazette a staff sergeant has been awarded the Queen's Commendation as a result of his action during the strike. (Cheers.)

Mr Geoffrey Pattie (Chertsey and Walton, C)—Has he made any attempt to assess the cost of the serious dislocation to training caused by Servicemen of all three Services having to engage in fire service duty ?

Mr Gilbert—This is a matter that has given us concern because of the impact on the individual men involved. We are taking steps as far as possible to ensure that where training courses are interrupted, increases in pay that result from completion of training will be backdated so that men do not suffer as a result in their participation in this activity.

Mr Mulley defends decision to increase spending on defence

Now that Britain's economic prospects were improving it was right that she should plan to contribute to the increase in Nato defence efforts made necessary by the marked and continuing growth of Warsaw Pact military power, Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, said during question time exchanges when Labour MPs criticized increased defence spending.

Mr Mulley (Sheffield, Park, Lab) said—The defence budget estimates for 1978-79 which will shortly be presented to the House will represent about 4.75 per cent of estimated gross domestic product at market prices, compared with the 5 per cent in last year's statement on defence estimates for 1977-78.

The Government have decided to increase the defence budget by 3 per cent in real terms in 1979-80 over the revalued figure for 1978-79 and by a further 3 per cent in 1980-81, subject in the latter case to review in the light of our economic circumstances.

No decisions have been taken about subsequent years. Defence took its full share of the public expenditure cuts in 1976.

Miss Joan Maynard (Sheffield, Brightside, Lab)—Is he saying we are encouraging multilateral disarmament by moving in the opposite direction and spending more on arms ?

Mr Mulley—I do not know if one can say that by increasing defence spending one assists the efforts we and others are making to achieve multilateral decisions. But if we made unilateral reductions in defence, there would be no incentive for others to seek a multilateral agreement.

Mr James Lamond (Oldham East, Lab)—Are we not moving in a direction opposite to that which we promised in the last election manifesto ?

Mr Mulley—No. It should not be thought that 3 per cent on the total of defence spending in real terms is 3 per cent of the share of the gross domestic product. One has to make estimates of the growth of the economy because the percentage of defence spending of gdp depends on defence expenditure and on the economic state of the nation.

On our estimates the increased 3 per cent will leave the figure roughly at 4.75 per cent.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab)—If we took exactly our equal proportion in relation to defence spending this would release £1,800m which could be better used on health, education and the social services.

Mr Mulley—It would not be practicable to cut to that extent. Over the last five years defence spending in real terms has fallen by 4 per cent while civil programmes have increased 6.5 per cent.

Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab)—Instead of showing utter contempt for the British people and the Labour movement by flouting the election pledge to cut arms spending and actually increasing it, will Mr Mulley tell Dr Luns, the ever-demanding and propagandizing head of Nato, to get stuffed ? (Interruptions.)

Mr Mulley—I do not think he would really wish such a message to be conveyed.

Mr Hugh Jenkins (Wandsworth, Putney, Lab)—In not carrying out the election pledge, he is driving a wedge between the party and the Government. Some of us will not feel able to support the Government in this course.

Mr Mulley—Substantial reductions have been made in defence. Some have argued they were too great.

In 1974 we did not, perhaps, anticipate the extent of the economic crisis we inherited or the length and depth of the recession which has been a continuing problem since.

Mr Thomas Litterick (Birmingham, Selly Oak, Lab)—The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have said publicly that the Government are anxious to play a positive role in the coming United Nations deliberations on disarmament. Few will accept the logic or morality of piling armaments on armaments before such a conference in a world already overarmed.

Mr Mulley—We will play a positive role. But he exaggerates; in real terms the defence budget which I will present later this year is ti Government's lowest in real term

Mr Peter Viggers (Gosport, C) We should not arrange our defe spending according to that of allies but according to the spen ing of our potential enemies.

Mr Mulley—I do not entir accept that. In an alliance it is o right that all should play a prop tionate part depending on th economic circumstances. I do accept that we should bear a proportionately large share.

Mr Emlyn Hooson (Montgome shire, Lab)—Will he explain some Labour MPs that if Soviet Union reduced their h nuclear submarine fleet, wh seems to have no defensive r there would be a chance of Nato countries cutting defe spending ?

Mr Mulley—Nobody would more happy than I to be able cut as a result of multilat agreements which would lead t reduction by Warsaw Pact as as by Nato and in other countrie

Sir Harwood Harrison (Eye, C On next year, is he allowing for Services' wages review ?

Mr Mulley—I am trying to t account of pay and inflation creases.

Mr Ronald Thomas (Bris North-West, Lab)—Is it true the balance of payments costs our defence spending in the couple of years have been alm equal to the amount of the I loan ?

Mr Mulley—Our overseas defe spending was not equal to the l

Sir Ian Gilmour, chief Opposi spokesmen on defence (Ches and Amersham, C)—Would explain to his anti-Western col gues that the Russians are sp ing at least 13 per cent of t gross national product defence ?

Is it not the case that what has said, which is welcome, en the formal burial of at least defence aspect of the ab Labour's Programme 1976 ?

Mr Mulley—I do not thin appropriate to go into these ters this afternoon. The elec manifesto, whenever the elec may come, will be published due deliberation at that time.

No evidence crossbows are used for crime

House of Lords

The Government had no evidence that crossbows had been used for the purpose of serious crime or that they were being misused to any significant extent, Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State, Home Office, stated.

Viscount Massereene and Ferrard (C) had asked if the Government would reconsider their refusal to legislate to make the licensing of crossbows compulsory.

Lord Harris of Greenwich said a licensing system would impose additional burdens on the police which would be disproportionate to the scale of the problem.

Viscount Massereene and Ferrard—Modern crossbows are lethal weapons. They are fitted with telescopic sights and fire a mechanically propelled steel bolt. They are capable of killing a man at up to 100 yards.

Such a weapon being silent and relatively cheap to buy is tailor-made for criminal activities apart from being highly dangerous in the hands of irresponsible or young people.

Lord Harris of Greenwich—There is little evidence that crossbows are used for criminal purposes. Indeed they can be misused but so can many other articles including carving knives. That is not argument for a licensing system.

Viscount Massereene and Ferrard said later that a man was shot by a crossbow not so long ago. He had seen two animals with these bolts in them. A short time ago he saw a young stag with a crossbow bolt through its neck.

No need for alarm about Belize

There was no need for alarm about the future of Belize despite the alarmist and untruthful headlines that had appeared in one newspaper, Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, said at question time.

Mrs Lena Jeger (Camden, Holborn and St Pancras South, Lab) had asked if he would assure the Prime Minister of Belize that the Government had no intention of agreeing to the carve-up of the territory of Belize against the wishes of its government and people, the United Nations and the Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

Mr Callaghan—The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Dr David Owen) will be meeting the Premier of Belize. The Premier and Opposition in Belize have attended the discussions that have taken place with Guatemala on the matter of the future of Belize and its attempt to secure independence. Everything that has happened in those negotiations is known to them.

I indicated to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers when we met in London last May that no decisions would be taken without the full consent of the people of Belize. There is no need for alarm on this, despite the alarmist and untruthful headlines that have appeared in one of the newspapers.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L)—Is the Prime Minister able to go farther and assert that the Government have no intention of ceding any part of existing Belizian territory, either to Guatemala or Mexico ?

Mr Callaghan—I do not want to go as far as that at the present time because we must have regard to the views of the Premier of Belize as well as the Opposition about their own future.

It would be improper for the House of Commons to make a declaration on anything connected with this matter except to say that we want the agreement of the people of Belize before we take any action.

The problem is a difficult one. It is right that the Government should attempt to solve it. The country wants independence. If it became independent without a guaranteed border, and an appropriate peace treaty with Guatemala, in view of the disparate size of the two countries, Belize would be in great trouble.

Our objective is to bring this country to full independence as soon as we can in conditions that will guarantee its future. Those conditions are something that the Premier of Belize and his colleagues must consider and take their decision on.

It would be a difficult matter to ask the House or country to assume responsibility for the defence of Belize after it became independent. We must try to secure its frontiers before it becomes independent.

Mr John Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Knutsford, C)—The Prime Minister's remarks have not entirely reassured the House about Belize. Can he categorically assure the House that there has been no negotiation to partition Belize among the neighbouring countries, with the threat of refusing to defend that colony in the event of their not agreeing to such an arrangement ?

Mr Callaghan—I deny that. I hope the House is not going to be misled by the story in one newspaper, part of which was totally untrue and the rest of which was a sort of mood music piece.

I have revealed the discussions that are going on, the nature of the problem and the assurances that have been given, and I ask the House to be satisfied with that.

Armed forces expecting 40,000 recruits

In the present financial year the Services were expecting to recruit some 40,000 men and women from civilian life, Mr James Wellbeloved, Under Secretary for Defence for the RAF, said at question time.

Mr Wellbeloved (Bexley, Erith and Crayford, Lab) said he was not satisfied with the level of cost in recruiting people to the Armed Forces.

Extensive reviews (he said) have taken place which have resulted in substantial savings in the current financial year.

I am about to review again certain aspects of the recruiting services to see if yet further improvements in efficiency and economies in cost can be brought about.

Abdication papers: request refused

Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, in a written reply, refused a request from Mr John Lee (Birmingham, Handsworth, Lab) to lift the 100-year embargo on all papers connected with the 1936 abdication.

Protecting clients from unskilled hairdressers

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L) was granted leave by 158 votes to 77—majority 81, to bring in a Bill to amend the Hairdressers (Registration) Act, 1964, the object of which, he said, was to give registered hairdressers and the public protection from inexperienced practitioners, some of whom were using chemicals and substances, about which they knew little, on the hair of their clients. The results on occasion had been disastrous.

It was time that Britain brought itself into line with the EEC, the United States and most Western countries and put its house in order and at the same time gave some protection to the registered hairdresser.

The Bill would require that all entrants to the profession must take an approved course followed by an examination at the completion of the course, or by assessment satisfy the course tutor. Registration with the Hairdressing Council would be mandatory.

It would also require all persons wishing to open a salon and to employ staff and apprentices must possess the Diploma of the Master Craftsman and all those teaching the craft in local education authority colleges must hold that diploma.

Parliament had enacted recently legislation requiring farriers to be properly qualified. It was now time that something similar was done with regard to the treatment of hair.

Mr Peter Brooke (City of London and Westminster, South, C) said if Britain represented the centre and cream of the craft, and if the commercial schools contributed to that cream, why should not those schools and their qualifications be included in the registration ?

It would be preferable if Mr Ross took his Bill away and first reached agreement with the commercial schools.

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Further progress in committee on Scotland Bill.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Debates on tanker safety and pollution prevention: tourism: alternative sources of energy: Child minders and foster parents.

Unions in the forces would not assist

One of the reasons the armed Services did not want trade unions was that many of those who advocated trade unions were also advocates of substantial reductions in defence expenditure which would lead to redundancies in the Armed Forces, Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, said at question time.

Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexley, Bexleyheath, C) had asked if in view of increasing concern over the low levels of Servicemen's pay Mr Mulley would take steps to increase it.

Mr Mulley (Sheffield, Park, Lab)—Service pay will be increased from April 1 after consideration of whatever the recommendations the Review Body on Armed Forces Pay makes.

Mr Townsend—The recent firemen's strike brought home to everyone how disgraceful Servicemen's rates of pay are, bearing in mind their technical ability, long hours of work and importance, not only to the Government but the country generally.

Mr Mulley—Awareness that the Services have slipped behind in comparability terms was underlined by these recent events, although it was reported upon by the Armed Forces Pay Review Body in its previous two years' reports.

We cannot depart from the anniversary of the last pay award without breaching the 12-months rule and therefore no pay increase is possible before April 1.

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab)—There is considerable dissatisfaction about pay in far wider groups than the armed Services and the method of setting this right is usually trade unionization. Would he agree it is time the Armed Forces had trade unions and free collective bargaining ?

Mr Mulley—As I have explained before, I do not think trade union organization of the Armed Forces would assist us in these particular problems—(Conservative cheers)—and there are of course, special circumstances in the Services which would be an additional problem.

But Mr Flannery will understand that one of the reasons perhaps that the Services themselves do not want trade unions (Labour shouts of " How do you know ? ")—is that many of those who advocate the trade unions are also advocates of substantial reductions in defence expenditure which would lead to substantial redundancies in the armed Services. (Conserv cheers.)

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury Edmunds, C)—Some of us r his unwillingness personally give evidence to the review b There are within the armed vices large numbers of young who have served our country but who, with their wives, contemplating leaving unless new review gives them a fair

Will he not put his pers authority behind demands tha Services be paid much more they are getting ?

Mr Mulley—I know of the diff circumstances of some of his vice constituents. It would wrong for me to seek to inter through the Armed Services Review Body because it is pendent.

They were, I think, unfairly icized in some quarters last and I would not wish to take step which might seem I was tr to interfere with their indep ence. The right time for inte tion is when they have made report.

Mr Winston Churchill, an Op tion spokesman on defence (S ford, C)—The armed Services country will warmly welcome he has completely changed his vious, mistaken, position on desirability of unionizing armed forces. Will he unde that the armed forces wil treated in no way less favou than the firemen for whom stood in so courageously ?

Mr Mulley—I have in no changed my views about t unions or trade union organiz in the armed forces. I thin would be unwise and certainly proper to anticipate the repo the review body which has no formulated any recommendati

Sir Ian Gilmour, Oppos spokesman on defence (Ches and Amersham, C)—He said Armed Forces Pay Review Bo independent. Since he and his leagues have made it clear tha review body is bound by the ernment's guidelines, in respect is that body independ

Mr Mulley—The review bod free to publish a report givin the considerations it deems vant. It has been asked by Prime Minister to pay regar the Government's pay policy a must be expected that any m terial outcome must be within pay guidelines.

Concern about possible change of business

Mr George Cunningham (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab) raised as a point of order an addition which, he said, was to be made to business tomorrow (Wednesday) when the Scotland Bill would again be before the House.

He said that no request had been made by the Government to make a statement today about the addition.

It is my belief that the House would wish (he said) to know of this addition to business to be considered tomorrow if present plans go forward.

The addition would be to alter the business motion on the Scotland Bill to divide tomorrow's session into three sections. I must not go into the substance or protest at this stage, but it is extremely important that the House should know that this is coming up, otherwise nobody will know that it is until they look at the order paper tomorrow.

I ask you, Mr Speaker, and through you Mr Foot, the Lord President, to tell the House what is proposed. It could be that the effect of the motion would be that my amendment to the Scotland Bill, an amendment which has a good chance of passing, could be prevented from being debated or being voted upon. It would give effect to the assertions of many that the majority of the Scottish people want devolution.

I suggest that if the piece of business added to tomorrow's order paper is of that degree of importance, the Lord President should not wait for us to catch sight of the order paper tomorrow but tell us today what he proposes to put down.

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—I have no knowledge whatever of any change of business. I have not been notified.

When other MPs sought to make points about the matter, the Speaker said—I am not prepared to take further points of order about business about which I know nothing at all. How on earth can I rule about something when I have no knowledge of it ?

Mr Francis Pym, chief Opposition spokesman on devolution and Commons affairs (Cambridgeshire, C)—Entirely understanding your position, Mr Speaker, and respecting what you have just said and realizing that Mr Foot has not responded or sought to catch your eye, it appears to be the case that there is at least a rumour of some change to take place. It places us in a difficulty.

Clearly there is a degree of anxiety. Mr Foot has not sought to rise and it would be helpful if he did.

Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—Nobody knows better than Mr Pym the normal procedures in this matter and that the way business decisions or committees are reported to the House. Nobody knows better than he what the order paper is for ; nobody knows better than he that what we are doing on this occasion is to follow exactly the procedures which have always been followed by this House.

Any suggestion that anything is sinister or out of order is misleading to the House.

Mr Pym—I made no such allegation nor a sinister suggestion at all. It is completely untrue, and out of order and certainly out of taste for Mr Foot to suggest that. I was merely pointing out that he might have responded to Mr Cunningham.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab)—If there is nothing sinister, it is a simple matter and a matter of courtesy to report to you, Mr Speaker, what the business committee is up to.

The Speaker—If a motion is going down on the order paper, clearly the House will have a chance tomorrow to discuss it. There is no point in me, being in total ignorance of what is proposed, pursuing the matter.

Mr Cunningham—I understand your difficulty, Mr Speaker, but it is as nothing compared to ours.

Assuming that tomorrow there is a business motion and it is a change of business, it would be undebatable but it would be opposable.

He added that this related to an enormously important referendum clause in the Scotland Bill.

English language ability of foreign doctors

During the report stage of the Medical Bill, Lord Wells-Pestell, Lord in Waiting, gave an assurance that when the Bill reached the Commons the Government would be putting down amendments dealing with the linguistic knowledge and registration of overseas qualified doctors.

He said the Government accepted the spirit of three related amendments moved by Lord Hunt of Fawley, each of which introduced a new clause to the Bill.

They would ensure that all overseas qualified doctors had the required linguistic knowledge before registration and laid down conditions for limited registration of overseas qualified doctors and their progress from limited to full registration.

Lord Hunt said he was not seeking to discriminate against overseas doctors from any country in the matter of language but merely to ensure they all met the same requirements. He understood that everyone concerned with the medical profession in this country accepted that such requirements were desirable.

The amendments were withdrawn.

The report stage was concluded.

Soviet cars

Mr Michael Meacher, Under Secretary for Trade, in a written reply, said—In the period January to October, 1977, 13,373 passenger motor cars valued at £11,500,000 cif were imported into the United Kingdom from the Soviet Union, and 29 cars valued at £70,000 f.o.b. were exported.

Shipbuilding orders

Mr Leslie Huckfield, Under Secretary for Industry, in a written reply, said—In the two years to the end of September, 1977, new orders for ships for United Kingdom registration totalling 370,000 gross tons, with an estimated value of £183m, were placed abroad.

Social security report

A report on a draft EEC directive on equality of treatment for men and women in social security, ducked some of the more difficult questions, Lady Seear (L) said when she opened a short debate on the report.

It did not deal with the different retirement ages for men and women, nor with the position of married women and their dependants in relation to supplementary benefit for their children. The latter involved a matter of considerable principle, because married men who were heads of households could not claim for their children.

Social security payments and supplementary benefits were based on the concept of a family with the man as the head of the household.

Lord Houghton of Sowerby (Lab) said when the Chancellor of the Exchequer contemplated giving away billions of pounds in personal taxation to all and sundry, an opportunity should be taken to remove some of the penal clauses of their indirect taxation legislation relating to married women.

Lord O'Hagan, for the Opposition, said the directive was part of the expression of social concern of the Community that was something new to the 1970s.

Lord Wells-Pestell, Lord in Waiting, said in most areas there was no discrimination. Health care arrangements were universal. The Government were abolishing the last two national insurance provisions which imposed a reduced rate of benefit or tougher qualifying conditions on married women.

They agreed with the principles underlying the directive. There was only one major area in the directive which the Government felt was unsatisfactory. This was the provision that would allow married women to claim increases for the children in the family in the same way as their husbands did each time they were sick or unemployed.

It would be difficult to devise a scheme where it could be said that either partner, if sick or unemployed, should claim dependency benefits in respect of the children when the other partner was in full-time work.

The Government had informed occupational pension schemes of the requirement to give equal pensions and had sent out a paper on this. To enforce this it would be necessary to have legislation which would be introduced at the appropriate time.

House adjourned, 5.35 pm.

Ensuring UK Civil Service stays united after Scottish devolution

There should be only a United Kingdom Civil Service and not a separate service for Scotland, Mr Leon Brittan, an Opposition spokesman on devolution (Cleveland and Whitby, C) said when the Scotland Bill was further considered in committee.

He moved an amendment to Clause 64 (Status and remuneration of certain officers and servants) which, he said, sought to ensure in a way which the Bill did not that no separate Civil Service was created for a devolved Scottish Assembly and controlled by it, and that all civil servants working for the Scottish Executive, the Scottish Office or another United Kingdom department were clearly members of a Civil Service operated as a United Kingdom Civil Service.

Appointments to it and within it should be made by the United Kingdom Government, subject to conditions determined by the United Kingdom Government, he said.

One of the fundamental objections to the Bill was that the creation of a separate government for Scotland and not just an elected assembly put at risk the maintenance of the unity of the United Kingdom. The attempt to create a separate executive within a unitary state was an attempt to square the circle.

The tremendous strains imposed on the whole structure of the Government of the United Kingdom brought about by the creation of a system of devolution of the kind set out in the Bill was nowhere made clearer than when the role of the Civil Service was looked at if and when a Scottish Executive as well as a Scottish Assembly were set up. The basic question was : " Whose Civil Service should it be and who will control that Civil Service ? "

By creating overtly, clearly and expressly a separate Civil Service the Government would be taking a clear step on the path towards separation.

There should continue to be a single Civil Service loyal to both the assembly and the executive and to the United Kingdom Government. He doubted whether the tremendous strains that would be imposed on such a Civil Service made that a practicable and viable option.

At least MPs should make the necessary amendment to ensure that the Government's solution had some air of reality instead of being expressed in such gossamer-like threads that it was obviously liable to break.

In the Bill at the moment, there was nominally a single Civil Service, but in practice it would be too easy for a separate Civil Service to be built up with the loyalty to the Scottish Executive which would be the precursor to the creation of an independent Scottish state.

Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office (North Lanarkshire, Lab), said the Government maintained resolutely that the clause did maintain the unity of the United Kingdom Civil Service. A clear decision had been taken by the Government, and was carried out in the Bill, that there would be a unified Civil Service.

The clause served not to confuse but to clarify the intention that officers appointed by the Scottish Secretary would be members of the home Civil Service and the procedures for appointment to that service should apply to such officers.

They would be appointed in the normal way as members of the home Civil Service. Mr Brittan has made far too much of this point. They had not had any questions raised, so far as he was aware, by civil servants who had given them their opinion in the Bill.

The numbers of people employed in the Scottish Executive was a matter for the Scottish Executive to determine. Scottish secretaries would make appointments in the way ministers could make appointments in the United Kingdom Government. Salaries and conditions of the integrated United Kingdom Civil Service would be continued to be dealt with in the way they were at the moment.

They were not in favour of having a separate Civil Service. In the opening years of the new structure a unified service was likely to be more economical and efficient; a separate service would need more staff and more expenditure on recruitment and training.

A single service would provide in the initial stages a devolved administration with a wider range of talent and experience than they might otherwise attract and perhaps provide a more flexible and attractive career structure.

It was a sensible arrangement to have a unified service. There was at the beginning a great deal of argument about divided loyalties. That seemed to have disappeared.

The fact of having devolution would mean more civil servants but one of the reasons the increase was not higher was that already the process of administrative devolution had gone a long way in regard to the Scottish Office.

The effect of the amendment would be to qualify the Scottish Secretary's powers to appoint such officers as he thought appropriate by making it subject to the approval of the Minister for the Civil Service.

If the amendment were carried (he said) it would mean that there would be Westminster control over matters that could quite easily be left to the Scottish administration.

Mr Russell Johnston (Inverness, L) said the amendment sought, as far as could be judged, to remove certain powers of decision from Edinburgh and retain them in Westminster. It was not surprising as the consistent objective of the Opposition had been to dilute the basic objective of devolution.

The Liberal position was still, as it had been from the beginning, that the logical solution was to establish a separate Scottish Civil Service. It was disappointing that the minister had rattled out a few traditional reasons why there should not be a separate Civil Service. He would have thought that, even if a separate Civil Service was established, interchangeability, the crucial factor, could be retained.

Mr John Stokes (Halesowen and Stourbridge, C) said the independence and integrity of the Civil Service had been the proud boast of this country for a long time. Under the proposals of the Bill an intolerable strain of loyalty would be placed on the Scottish civil servants. They would be pulled this way and that by their loyalty to the United Kingdom and the Secretary of State on the one hand and by their loyalty to the new assembly on the other.

The House was embarking on a dangerous course. If they were to put such pressures on civil servants anarchy and chaos would inevitably break out. It was dangerous tomfoolery.

Miss Harvie Anderson (East Renfrewshire, C) said that it was over-optimistic to expect that there would not be occasions when the two sides of the Civil Service would have conflicting views.

They were asking two sets drawn from the same home Civil Service, different people, to serve different masters. Those masters would have conflict between them and that situation would prove difficult.

Mr Gerald Fowler (The Wrekin, Lab) said he was tired of hearing from the Opposition that the country should have devolution, but that in every detail the principle of giving no freedom of action to any body in Scotland must be preserved. It was honourable to be opposed to the principle of devolution, but what was not tolerable was the acceptance of the principle but the denial in every detail of the practice of devolution.

Mr Timothy Raison (Aylesbury, C) said that civil servants had a deep sense of loyalty, and he believed that civil servants temporarily assigned to the Scottish Assembly would find it distasteful and in some cases morally impossible to carry out a policy which was in opposition to the United Kingdom Parliament.

Mr Tam Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said he did not support the amendment. It would only paper over the cracks in the unity of the Civil Service. These cracks were deeper or more structurally significant than MPs realized.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith (North Angus and Mearns, C) said they were introducing a new dimension into the question of Civil Service loyalty by establishing a Scottish Assembly with a Civil Service that would be common to both the assembly and the United Kingdom Parliament.

The Government had not appreciated the strains that would be produced. They were asking civil servants to be loyal simultaneously to two administrations which could be of a different political colour.

Mr Edward Taylor, Opposition spokesman on Scotland (Glasgow, Cathcart, C), said they were creating a constitutional nonsense and the problem showed once again that the Government had arrived at legislation which did not make sense and would create confusion and lead to constant strife and misunderstanding which would not help Scotland.

Mr John Smith said that grading within the Civil Service was normally delegated by the Civil Service Department to the individual department but under their supervision and control. The Government expected that to be the situation after devolution.

It would be possible for the Scottish Secretary to appoint civil servants on a temporary basis. There was difficulty about career prospects with a separate Civil Service. Many of the fantasies about conflict were absurd.

The amendment was rejected by 175 votes to 159—Government majority, 16.

On Clause 65 (Rate support grants), Mr George Younger (Ayr, C), then moved an Opposition amendment to ensure that a Scottish Secretary should act in accordance with any directions on reserved functions which the Secretary of State might bring to his notice.

He said the clause as drafted stated that the Scottish Secretary should merely " have regard to considerations " brought to his notice by the Secretary of State. But there should not be any d about the nature of the rela ship between these two and clause should reflect the im tive nature of the requisitio the Scottish Secretary by ce government.

If the Secretary of State, instance, said it would need to run the police service in coming year the Scottish exec would have no option but to ac the figure.

Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary State for Scotland (Glas Craigton, Lab) said in the e days of devolution it would sensible for the present syste consultations with the Conve of Scottish Local Authoritie continue. The Scottish exec would want to look carefully a system before making any ra change, but it would be in power to do so.

It would not be wise to lay d in the Bill provisions for direct about how much should be s on specific reserved functions.

The police were the main res function. On this there would consultation between the Secre of State and the Scottish execu The rate support grant neg tions would not be on a tripa basis. He would consider it proper for the Secretary of S to be involved in negotiat about devolved functions.

Mr George Younger said they l unravelled in this debate that assembly would have the abilit spend the block grant on mat within its functions but very m more than had been expected one function and then to make the shortfall in respect of authority expenditure on o functions by forcing local auth ties to raise the rates by m greater amounts. There was safeguard against that for the r payers.

Mr Millan said that that was terrible admission but had clear all along.

The amendment was withdraw

Clause 65 was carried by votes to 147—Governm majority, 14.

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Standard for skateboards is considered urgent

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

A consultative meeting of experts at the British Standards Institution has decided that a British Standard for skateboards should be introduced as a matter urgency. A report of the meeting appeared in *The Times* yesterday.

Publication of a first draft, based on a survey of skateboarding injuries and accidents by the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection is expected in the next six weeks.

There is also to be a standard for skateboarding safety equipment and protective clothing, which is regarded by many as more important

Anyone with technical information to submit for consideration in preparing the standards is asked to send it to the British Standards Institution at 2 Park Street, London, W1, by February 14.

While it is accepted that there must be some accidental injuries in a sport whose jargon cheerily dismisses cuts and grazes as "road rush", and in which a fall on the head is termed a "bongo", the decision to press ahead so urgently with development of British Standards puts skateboarding a step above similar pastimes.

Despite occasional suggestions there have never been British Standards covering roller-skates, which were invented in the eighteenth century and a craze of the 1930s, ice-skates, or surf-boards.

Bronze Age research: The Devil's Arrows at Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire, consisting of three of what are thought to have been a line of six Bronze Age standing stones. A recently formed archaeological group, the Shepherd and the Stone Foundation for International Research into Megaliths, based in York, is raising funds to excavate and preserve such ancient monuments.

The fishermen of Britain, 4: Shrimpers fear new safety rules

Europe may provide outlet for Cromer's quality crabs

By John Winder
and Geoffrey Browning

From the East Anglian port of King's Lynn Mr Albert Balls, aged 33, has fished for pink shrimps—since leaving school and works for himself with Gladys, a 40ft traditional Wash smack, built before the First World War.

He fishes in the inland waters, never much more than ten miles from land. He catches his shrimps with a form of beam trawl and processes them on board. If they are not cooked, cooled and bagged up they break up within a few hours and look unpresentable.

Mr Balls is delighted that the demand for shrimps has grown and that Continentals are developing a preference for tasty seafood such as shrimps and shellfish. At present he is negotiating a big shrimp order from Holland.

His fear is that, with European appetites thus whetted, the Government will be under tremendous pressure to allow fishermen from EEC countries to come right up to the shores of the Wash in the 1980s.

Like other fishermen in the area he is unhappy about recent government safety legislation requiring surveys on boats measuring more than 12 metres. Because the men operate in relatively calm waters and do not venture far out to sea, many have deliberately bought old boats. Now they are faced with enormous bills for what they consider unnecessary modifications.

On the north Norfolk coast, the recent decline of the lobster is giving rise to concern. Landings have fallen mysteriously while the number of crabs caught has increased. Tagging experiments are being carried out by ministry officials.

The Cromer crab, smaller than others but of high quality, has a well deserved reputation. But soaring transport costs have meant that it is becoming uneconomic to send the crabs by British Rail. Consequently most are now sold only in the Norfolk area.

Mr Robert Rushmer, secretary of the North Norfolk Fishermen's Society, thinks salvation may soon be at hand. the exporting of crabs and lobsters to France and Belgium, where housewives are prepared to pay high prices for top-quality seafood, is being considered.

In the area 28 full-time boats and about 12 part-timers drop 5,000 pots a day in the season, which lasts from March to October.

Crangon crangon, the shrimp found in Morecambe Bay and down the Fylde coast, has suddenly become elusive. The five one-man boats of the Lytham cooperative suffered a reduction of catch from an average of 22 tons of peeled shrimps a year to six and a half tons in 1977.

Mr Alan Spencer, secretary of the Lytham fishermen, also has to worry about the challenge from part-time fishermen who seek the Lancashire shrimp to raise beer money, and the difficulty of finding skilled people to peel the shrimps for the market.

The plight of the distant-water fisherman has to some extent overshadowed the situation of those who operate the smaller boats that provide the British housewife with most of her fresh fish.

One of the commonest complaints is of poor contact between the fisherman and those in authority. Meetings between fishermen and men from the ministry were suggested by one fisherman as a useful means of keeping the industry in touch.

The main body speaking for fishermen, except the distant-water fleet, is the Fisheries Organization Society. Its chairman for three years has been Mr John Gundry, who is also director and general manager of the biggest fishing-net manufacturer in Europe.

He is emphatic that, because about 64 per cent of the available EEC fish is around the British coasts and is bred there, it has to be protected both from other EEC members and British fishermen by a 50-mile exclusive limit. The organization has been trying to ensure that measures that would harm British fishermen do not slip through unnoticed in EEC negotiations.

Another leading member of the Fisheries Organization society, Mr Ian Lindley, is chief executive of South-Western Fish Producers, a cooperative looking after 80 per cent of fish produced in the South-West by hundreds of fishermen. At Brixham, Devon, he told how the Government had created a new difficulty for south-western fishermen by the mackerel licensing scheme.

"This scheme has not reduced the tonnage caught, and when we see final figures we shall probably find the tonnage is twice last year's", he said. "The South-west in no way finds the licensing system or pattern of fishing palatable."

The boom in mackerel fishing has been a goldmine for the outsider and a disaster for many local men. Some hook-and-line vessels have gone out of action, the trawler fleet has been cut, and many vessels, according to Mr Lindley, are on subsistence level.

The reasons are the disturbance of the stock by the fishing methods and the density of fishing in recent months. "The sheer number of vessels is becoming a safety hazard".

The invasion is feared by many to be a foretaste of what will come from British membership of the EEC.

The possibility of a wider some British-caught fish in and more lucrative market for Europe gives no comfort to those who fear that Continentals will come right up to the British shoreline and fish the coastal waters as empty as they are said to have fished their own.

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Fewer fishing opportunities likely outside EEC waters

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Fishing opportunities in the waters of countries outside the EEC will not be available to British vessels at anything like past levels, according to Mr Julian Kelsey, Fisheries Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Mr Kelsey was giving evidence to the trade and industry subcommittee of the Commons Expenditure Committee yesterday.

Mr Edmund Marshall, Labour MP for Goole, who presided, had asked what prospects there were for getting an agreement on an EEC fishery policy that would be acceptable to the United Kingdom.

Mr Kelsey declined to enlarge on what the Minister of Agriculture had said but Mr Marshall asked: "What are the consequences for the United Kingdom fishing industry of the general problems and the position facing it now? Are the eventual prospects good enough for the industry to ride out the present difficulties.

Mr Kelsey said there would definitely be a need for the industry to adjust

"The adjustments will entail a contraction in the distant water fleet and may also entail a contraction in the number of boats engaged elsewhere, but not necessarily in catching capability."

Crows scramble to save the trout

From Ronald Faux
Elgin

When farming fish it is an advantage to keep a colony of crows as well, Mr Leonard Ival of Spynie, near Elgin, Grampian, has discovered.

His trout farm had become a popular feeding ground for ospreys and herons, which descended on his pond and helped themselves to his 2lb trout. Scarecrows, netting, warning shots from a 12-bore gun and a host of other devices were ignored or dodged by the raiders. "Herons and ospreys and the occasional cormorant would call in, morning and evening, and fly away with my fish", Mr Ivall said.

The sight of an osprey stooping on a trout is a fascinating display of agility and coordination but not when each performance costs £1.50 even though there were about 30,000 trout of varying sizes maturing in the busy waters of the farm. And Mr Ivall's anguish as helpless benefactor to the predators was shared by about 70 other Scottish fish-farmers.

But near his farm is a clump of firs which provides a home for a colony of crows. Mr Ivall had kept them at bay until he wondered whether he could turn their strong sense of territory to advantage. He left food for them around the fish-breeding ground and gradually the birds came to look upon the skies above the farm as their own.

"The herons were knocked out of the sky", he said. "At the approach of an osprey, crows would hurl themselves into the air and take the shortest course to the intruder." A passing cormorant, which proved the most persistent invader, was seen off eventually, and no uninvited fish eater has been seen on the farm since.

But Mr Ivall said: "There is enough to worry about without that. Did you know there are five main groups of trout disease and 15 types in each group?"

Tribunal split on teacher's appeal

From Our Correspondent
Nottingham

Mr Michael Coulson, a barister, who was chairman of ie industrial tribunal that ruled iat a schoolmaster had been rongfully dismissed after a onviction for a sexual offence, as in favour of the dismissal, ut was outvoted by the ibunal's two lay members, it as disclosed yesterday.

Nottinghamshire County ouncil, which had dismissed ie teacher, is appealing against ie tribunal's decision on the round that it undermines its ithority in disciplining achers. Its appeal is to be eard in London on March 2.

Mr Coulson's views are disclosed in the report of the tribunal's findings published yesterday. It states that Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, had recommended that the teacher, Mr Jeffrey Bowly, aged 52, should continue teaching but that he should be warned about his future conduct.

Mr Bowly, of Bedale Road, Sherwood, Nottingham, was fined last February for gross indecency with a man aged 36. The man had no connexion with Mr Bowly's school.

Mr Bowly's appeal against dismissal was upheld by Mr Coulson's tribunal after a private hearing last September. Its decision was announced only two days ago.

The report states that the tribunal decided to urge Mr Bowly's reinstatement despite the council's fears that his pupils might be at risk. "Both lay members were of the opinion that there was not satisfactory evidence of any incident suggesting a risk to pupils . . . Each took the view that if it was not a reasonable proposition to continue employing him at the same school because of the headmaster's view of him, then efforts should have been made to find other employment for him.

riticism of judge over emarks to Libyans

om Our Correspondent
nbridge

udge Wild, sitting at Camdge Crown Court, was used yesterday of being a n-pot Judge McKinnon" ar making remarks during a e involving two Libyan dents.

ast Friday he fined them assault after a fight outside ambridge night club. The dents, who denied the rges, were told: "This all e about because you got uk and it is a pity that you not have the decency to d up and admit it. But then, people about the courts w, people of your origin er admit anything; well lly anything."

ambridge Community Relations Council stated yesterday: "It seems we have our own tin-pot Judge McKinnon and this will lead to the Cambridge Community Relations Council watching the proceedings at Judge Wild's court with a view to building up a dossier of remarks which show prejudice designed to insult ethnic groups.".

Mr Steven Ellis, the council's press officer, said he was horrified by the judge's remarks.

"When he talked about 'people about the courts' presumably he meant other judges, jurors, lawyers and the police, and that means that people like this must be prejudiced before they get to trial."

Judge Wild declined to comment.

ounty banned om placing some schools

n John Chartres
chester

s Williams, Secretary of for Education and ice, has told Cheshire ation Committee, that the ty cannot take up places at er direct-grant and independent schools after August cept in schools acting as mar schools in parts of county where comprehensive education has not yet been duced.

ools exempted from the ill include King's School, lesfield, Sandbach School some Roman Catholic ls.

county, which had d to continue to take up at independent and r direct-grant schools September, is to circulate ation on the effects of inister's decision in a to parents.

Cheshire supplementary ation, which was used ocate assisted places at direct-grant schools, ot take place.

Williams has revoked oproval of the county's for in some cases pay the sixth-form tuition pupils at some independent and former direct-grant , the county council yesterday. However, she dicated that she would bject if the authority with the cost of such according to parental

Manx deputies defer Bill to extend birching

From Our Correspondent
Douglas

Debate on a proposed extension of the Isle of Man's birching laws was deferred for six months by the House of Keys, the lower house of the island's parliament, yesterday. The debate will be resumed after the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg has ruled on the island's corporal punishment laws.

The adjournment came after several members of the House had spoken out against a hard line on corporal punishment.

The House was considering an amendment to a theft Bill that would have the effect of extending corporal punishment to offenders over the age of 20, the present limit.

Mrs Betty Hanson (West Douglas, Ind), the member in charge of the Bill, moved yesterday that the House should agree with the amendment and extend the age limit. She recalled that last month 31,000 people out of the island's 45,000 voting population had signed a petition to retain the birch.

Mr Edward Lowey (Rushen, Lab) thought it would be wrong to attempt such a change when the issue was being considered by the European court.

Correction

Miss Emily Davies was co-founder of Girton College, Cambridge, with Barbara Bodichon; not sole founder, as stated on January 16.

In brief

Bill on 'lenient' sentences

Mr Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South, is to introduce a Bill to restore the right of appeal to the prosecution in criminal cases where sentences imposed by the judge are considered to be too lenient.

He said yesterday he had secured time to introduce his Bill in the Commons on February 14 under the "ten-minute rule."

Police hunt after girl, 13, is raped

A special squad of 75 policemen were searching Portsmouth last night for a man who raped a girl of 13 at knife point in a derelict shelter at Hilsea, after tying up and gagging a boy who was with her.

It was believed to be the third rape in less than three months by the same man. The police said: "Our big fear now is that he could turn killer."

£500,000 hotel project

The Government has approved a £500,000 plan to convert the Royal Hotel, Southend, into a public house and restaurant with offices above, provided the buildings design is preserved.

M25 plan blocked

M25 service area at Titsey Woods, near Tatsfield, in Surrey, have been dropped until a committee of inquiry reports in June.

£1m cancer appeal

A national campaign to raise £1m to enable terminal cancer patients to die in dignity was launched by the National Society for Cancer Relief yesterday. It wants to build more homes and provide more nurses for patients.

Air disruption likely

British Airways long-distance flights from terminal three at Heathrow are expected to be disrupted today by a meeting of apron staff belonging to the transport workers' union.

Callaghan visit to US

Mr Callaghan told the Commons yesterday that he would be visiting Washington in May for the North Atlantic Council meeting.

ttle over licensing hours in Wales

Jones

dward Murphy, the new at of Licensed Victual- ssociations in Wales, nts public houses in the ility to open all day, hed fundamentally with J. D. Herbert Evans, secretary of the Fel- of the Lord's Day in who has called for a revival.

Murphy has caused ir concern to the ip by suggesting that should be changed to public houses to be open longer on Sunday. The fellowship has been in the forefront of the battle waged every seven years by referendum to keep the sabbath dry in Wales. It has been a dogged but losing fight for the forces of temperance.

Since the poll was introduced in 1961 the drinkers have made big advances on each occasion until almost nine-tenths of the population can enjoy a drink on Sunday. Only in the far west, where the language is strong and chapel power still holds sway, do the public houses remain shut.

Mr Evans admits that he is in a minority but hopes for a new religious revival to halt the advance towards a totally wet Wales.

"God is no fool. He would not have ordained the sabbath day unless it was for the good of man. It would be a great boost to the character of Wales if we could observe the day properly", he says.

Mr Murphy said public houses should be allowed to open all day for the summer tourist trade. His plea has been supported by the Wales Tourist Board, which would like to see opening hours more in line with those on the Continent.

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Mr Karamanlis goes on European tour in an attempt to clinch Greece's EEC entry for October

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Jan 24

Mr Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, leaves for London tomorrow to begin a round of informal talks in four European capitals in an effort to speed up Greek negotiations with the EEC and Nato.

After 24 hours in London and discussions with Mr Callaghan, he will go to Brussels for talks with the Belgian leaders, with Mr Roy Jenkins, the President of the European Commission, and with Dr Joseph Luns, the secretary-general of Nato. He will then visit Paris and Bonn.

The Greek Government is dissatisfied with the pace of its entry negotiations with the EEC, despite the declared political will of the Nine that Greece should be admitted as early as possible without regard to other applications.

Mr Karamanlis is seeking political support for the Greek plan to reach agreement by October. Greece wants negotiations on most topics to be completed in March. Questions of agriculture and the Community budget, The Greeks feel, should be settled by May. Loose ends should be tied up by July, and the text of the agreement should be ready by October.

On the transition period, Greece has proposed a grace period of up to five years on items on which some adjustment is needed. But the Community has not so far revealed its intentions. This has been adding to the difficulties of gearing the Greek economy to the conditions of full membership.

Mr Karamanlis is not likely to go into the details, but he will argue for accelerating the negotiations along the lines of the Greek timetable.

He also wants to emphasize to the western leaders the risks to South-East European defence resulting from the present uncertainty in the area and to seek an agreed military contingency link between Greece and Nato.

Turkey has been blocking Greece's efforts to negotiate a special status with Nato, after the country's withdrawal from the integrated military structure in 1974.

Mr Karamanlis has repeatedly declared that Greece would be willing to return to the Nato military structure only after the Cyprus problem is solved. A contingency agreement would enable the Greek armed forces, now under national command, to link up easily with the Nato command in the event of an East-West war.

The recent decision to restructure Nato's southern wing by bringing the Izmir command under Turkish generals in July, has raised questions about Nato operational jurisdiction in the Aegean international air space.

Greek officials argue that in the event of a crisis, areas under Nato jurisdiction should be clearly defined. This could be solved by enabling the greek armed forces to assume in such an event, full operational control of the area, including the Aegean, and to link, with the appropriate Nato comand, probably Naples.

Cyprus negotiations: The European Commission has resumed negotiations in Brussels with Cyprus on conditions for its trade with the Community. Cyprus broke off the talks last month, saying the Community's offer of tariff concessions was totally inadequate.—Reuter.

Baron knew he could be kidnap target

Continued from page 1

abduction for the gang then to be so amateur as to focus police attention on it with an early claim. It could therefore be quite possible that NAPAP rushed in its claim in the hope of frightening the authorities to release the prisoners before the real kidnap gang made itself known.

Apart from these publicized claims, no approaches have been made to the baron's family, according to the authorities, The management of the baron's industrial group, Empain-Schneider, also say they have heard nothing. They have issued a denial of a story, widely printed in today's press accounts of the kidnapping, that the baron had signed an agreement that if he were to be kidnapped no ransom was to be paid. This story is "a complete fantasy", according to the company.

Nevertheless the baron, head of an industrial conglomerate worth 22,000m francs (£2,440m) —the third largest industrial empire in France—was well aware that he would be a prime target for a left-wing kidnapping.

He is the fourth captain of industry to be kidnapped in France in the past two years: All were released after ransom money was paid and arrests were made in each case.

The seriousness of the present case has led President Giscard d'Estaing to instruct M Bonnet, the Minister of the Interior, to set up a special unit to co-ordinate the search by the different security forces.

M Alain Peyrefitte, the Minister of Justice, who is standing in as Prime Minister during the absence of M Barre in China, called on everyone to help in the hunt for the kidnappers in a radio and television broadcast this evening.

Patricia Clough writes from Bonn: The West German Government has no knowledge of reported demands by the kidnappers for the release of two West German terrorists in exchange for the Baron's life, a spokesman said tonight.

It is thought here, that the Government would be extremely unlikely to consider releasing the two. Last October it refused to release terrorists to save Dr Schleyer, who was later murdered by his captors.

Mlle Bardot arrives at the Council of Europe with friends and supporters.

Strasbourg call for seal hunting ban

Strasbourg, Jan 24.—The Council of Europe today proposed a two-year ban on the hunting of Greenland seals in a debate overshadowed by the presence of Brigitte Bardot, the French film star.

Mlle Bardot, an ardent campaigner against the killing of baby seals, was invited to listen to the debate by the council, but the unprecedented publicity caused by her presence was criticized by some members.

Simply dressed in a pullover, skirt and boots, Mlle Bardot applauded vigorously when the assembly voted in favour of the two-year ban and of hunting quotas in the following years.

The assembly also called for measures to reduce marine and coastal pollution, and to control or ban the import and use of baby seal skins.

Several Scandinavian members opposed the motion on the grounds that it was based on inaccurate information about the threatened extinction of seals.

Without referring directly to Mlle Bardot, Norwegian and Danish parliamentarians regretted that the debate was turning into a "circus" because of the crowds she had drawn.

A Belgian Socialist, Mr Claude Dejardin, supporting animal preservation, regretted that more attention was not given to humans and attacked child massacres in Vietnam and Africa.

"I hope there will be as many journalists and members of the public here on Friday when we discuss human rights", he said.

At a press conference attended by 150 journalists, far more than normally report assembly debates, Mlle Bardot said: "In saving animals, we save men. I don't have the ability to save men, so I work on behalf of animals. In life one must not despair. When the problem of seals is settled I will take up other causes."

She refused to reply when asked whether her campaign was intended as publicity for an acting comeback.

Later Canada's vice-consul here handed Mlle Bardot a letter from Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, defending seal hunting and denying that the species was threatened. "Seals are killed more quickly and more humanely than most domestic animals in all civilized countries", Mr Trudeau wrote.

Mlle Bardot last year visited Canada to protest against the slaughter of baby seals and sent Mr Trudeau a letter begging him to order a one-year moratorium on the hunt. In his reply Mr Trudeau said scientific evidence showed that at present catch levels the seal population was now increasing.

The motion adopted by the assembly also called on member governments to preserve the Mediterranean monk seal.

It called on all governments, whether council members or not, to ratify the Washington convention, which covers international trade in threatened species of wildlife.—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

Sea turtles threatened, page 11

Nuclear experts differ over waste problem

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Jan 24

The EEC's Commissioner for energy policy was the object of some criticism here today when the second "open discussion" on nuclear energy organized by the European Commission opened to examine the implications for health, safety and the environment.

Herr Guido Brunner, the Commissioner, said in opening the proceedings that the first three-day round of discussions late last year had permitted a "fair dialogue" between detractors and supporters of nuclear energy, and had stimulated public debate.

An earlier assertion by Herr Brunner before the European Parliament that last year's discussions had revealed general agreement "that a certain need for nuclear energy exists" was, however, strongly challenged today by the European Environmental Bureau.

The bureau, which is sponsoring some participants in the discussions, denied that it was party to any such agreement, believing that "the need for nuclear power has been and remains unproven". The bureau also criticized recent references by Herr Brunner to the "necessity" for nuclear power.

"Such an apparently closed mind on the subject fits badly with Herr Brunner's current emphasis on the importance of debate", the bureau said, "and must make many participants in the discussion wonder whether or not they are wasting their time."

A strong pro-nuclear case wa put today by M André Gauven of France's Atomic Energ Commissariat, who argued th over the short and mediu term nuclear energy had marke safety and environmental adva tages over both coal and o Only hydroelectric energy ar natural gas had greater adva tages.

The natural radioactivity pr duced in gas and coal waste wa only beginning to be measure he said. In some plants th irradiation produced, thoug very weak, was of the san order as that created in nucle installations.

The real problem of nucle energy, M Gauvenet admitte was that of long-term storage nuclear waste, but this had bee greatly exaggerated. Most of t difficulties were well on t way to being solved. Mor over, proponents of possib alternatives to nuclear pow often underplayed the problem of these power sources.

Geothermal energy, Gauvenet pointed out, releas polluting gases, among the sulphurous and radioacti gases. Wind energy plants we noisy and visually intrusi while solar energy plants quired large amounts of space they were to produce signi cant quantities of energy.

Taking a more seceptic view of the storage of nucle waste, M Ghislain de Marsi a French geologist at the Ec des Mines, warned that wh waste matter could be isolat for a certain time, it was yet possible to ensure that would remain isolated for ev

Hopes rise in Italy for social pact

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Jan 24

Chances of a social pact in Italy suddenly became more realistic today as efforts went ahead to find a government able to meet the country's problems.

The pact was the central issue in conversations between Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Prime Minister-designate, and leaders of the Republican Party.

The Republican chairman, Signor Ugo La Malfa, said afterwards that he hoped to see agreement on a social pact which would last the life of the present Parliament. He told Signor Andreotti that he did not think such an agreement would be possible without political changes.

His implication was that the Communists should be brought into an emergency administration

More remarkable were the statements, published today, made by Signor Luciano Lama, leader of the left-wing trade union federation, who said the unions were proposing to the workers "a policy of sacrifices: not marginal but substantial sacrifices"

This attitude makes a social pact look a more realistic aim.

Fascist trial defendants are acquitte

Rome, Jan 24.—Defenda chanted fascist hymns a saluted with outstretched ar in a court here today when 1 people were absolved fr charges of attempting to rev the outlawed Fascist Party Italy.

Charges against another defendants were suspended definitely pending the outco of further trials which they fa in connexion with alleged fasc activities.

All 132 defendants, most them in absentia, had been trial here since March last y accused of operating the n fascist New Order party, whi it was alleged, contravened 1960s decree outlawing the f mation of fascist parties.

The prosecution had manded 81 jail sentences, ra ing from three months to years. But the three judges, w retired to consider their verdi on Saturday after sitti through 89 sessions, decid today that they could pass sentences.

Two Starfighters crasl

Bonn, Jan 24.—A W German Air Force Starfigh jet crashed near Leer northern Germany today, kill the pilot, and a Dutch A Force Starfighter crashed the northern Dutch coast,

Herr Strauss accuses Chancellor of breaking the oath of office

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Jan 24

Insults flew across the floor of the West German Bundestag today as Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, the leader of the Christian Social Union, the Bavarian wing of the Opposition, launched a scathing attack on Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor and his Government.

His speech was an example of the rich political invective and personal attacks which West German leaders often exchange inside and outside Parliament.

He flatly accused Herr Schmidt of having broken his oath of office because he had delayed what Herr Strauss considered as necessary measures to combat terrorism.

The Chancellor, he suggested, could win elections by deception, libel and breaches of the constitution, but he could not govern with these methods.

Herr Strauss was admonished twice by Herr Karl Carstens, the president of the Bundestag, for accusing the Government of lying. But unperturbed, Herr Strauss went on to denounce the Government's pensions policy as a scandal, its economics policy as dissolute and its attitude to internal security as frivolous.

Herr Strauss, who is the Opposition's shadow Finance Minister, was speaking in the budget debate.

Herr Willy Brandt, the chairman of the Social Democratic Party, rose to express concern at the "style" of the debate and suggested that Herr Strauss was losing touch with reality. Such immoderate exaggerations and half truths were aimed largely at the television cameras, he suggested.

Herr Brandt's protests notwithstanding, the Social Democrats often give as good as they get. Herr Brandt himself has termed Herr Strauss "a leather-trousered stump orator" and Herr Schmidt has repeatedly called Herr Strauss a "man without decency".

Political insiders say that the particular virulence of the West German political debate is partly the result of the Government's having such a small majority in Parliament and partly because the Christian Democratic-Christian Social Opposition actually has more seats than the Social Democrats.

'Bugging' confirmed: Herr Georg Leber, the West German Defence Minister, offically disclosed here today that military counter-intelligence agents had bugged his secretary's apartment without the ministry's approval.

He told worried backbenchers of his Social Democratic Party that he knew that one of his secretaries had been under suspicion as a communist spy in 1974-75 and that her telephone was being tapped and letters opened. But, he said, he was not told that secret listening devices had been installed in her Bonn apartment.

Jailed women extremists on hunger strike

Berlin, Jan 24.—Three women left-wing extremists in jail here have gone on hunger strike, official sources said.

Monika Berberich, Ilse Jandt and Waltraud Siepert began their hunger strike five days ago. They are demanding to be transferred to another prison where they can mix with other left-wing terrorists.

Monika Berberich, aged 35, is serving a 12-year sentence for bank robbery and membership of a criminal association. Ilse Jandt, aged 39, is serving a life sentence for murder and Waltraud Siepert, aged 37, is serving a 4½ year sentence for aiding and abetting a terrorist group responsible for kidnappings and other crimes of violence.—Reuter.

EEC committee ignores Russia's Berlin complaint

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, Jan 24

The European Community's committee on external economic relations began its two-day meeting in the Reichstag building here today, and meetings of other committees will follow.

The discussions are linked to the "Green Week", Berlin's annual agricultural fair.

This year's fair has been preecded by renewed Soviet claims that the activity of EEC bodies in the city is incompatible with the Quadripartite Agreement.

The European Commission in Brussels firmly rejected these claims yesterday, recalling that committees of the European Parliament had held regular meetings in Berlin for the past 16 years, before the Quadripartite Agreement was signed. There was no reason to change the tradition, it added.

Couple's night to remember

Milan, Jan 24.—A naked couple found inside a parked car, who said they were celebrating their wedding anniversary, were arrested here for obscenity, outrage to public morals, threatening law officers, violence and resisting arrest, the police said today.

The couple insulted a policeman who ordered them to dress and drove away at high speed, but police shot the tyres of their car.—Reuter.

Terrorists shoot executive of Italian company

Milan, Jan 24.—Signor Nicola Toma, an executive of an Italian telephone company, was shot and wounded here today. Left-wing terrorists claimed responsibility for the attack, according to the police.

Signor Toma, aged 34, who is a director in the Sit-Siemens company, was shot at least six times in the legs and right arm.

The Red Brigades terrorist group, blamed for dozens of similar shootings and bombings, said in a telephone call that they had dealt with "another slave of the state".

They shot and wounded 37 people last year in a campaign of intimidation which shows no signs of ending. Their victims are mostly employees of state agencies or large private industries.—Reuter.

Spanish king may make official visit to Britain

Madrid, Jan 24.—King Juan Carlos returned today from a four-day private visit to Britain which Spanish newspapers said might clear the way for an official visit.

Relations between Spain and Britain, long strained by a dispute over Gibraltar, have been improving lately. Señor Marcelino Oreja, the Spanish Foreign Minister, told reporters in Strasbourg yesterday there was a "new spirit" in relations between Britain and Spain.

Meanwhile the most senior Spanish representative to visit Gibraltar since General Franco sealed the frontier in 1969 left for the Rock today, travelling via Morocco.

Señor Javier Rupérez, who is in charge of foreign relations for the Centre Democratic Union, the party of Señor Adolfo Suárez, the Prime Minister, will have talks with Gibraltars leaders during his Gibraltar's leaders during his

Heavy damage caused in Swiss bombings

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Jan 24

A bank manager's car was blown up near Berne and an administration building was badly damaged at the small town of Courtelary in the Bernese Jura mountains in two bomb incidents during the night.

Nobody was hurt, and nobody has claimed responsibility. More than £100,000 damage was done

At present 13 Jura separatists are on trial in Lausanne. They belong to groups campaigning for a new Jura canton to separate the French-speaking area from the German-speaking and largely Protestant canton of Berne.

They are charged with causing damage to military installations in the Jura, setting fire to a farm owned by an anti-separatist, stealing explosives and putting out of action a television transmitter during a broadcast by an anti-separatist women's organization.

Dutch foil expulsion appeal by Mr Agee

From Our Correspondent
Amsterdam, Jan 24

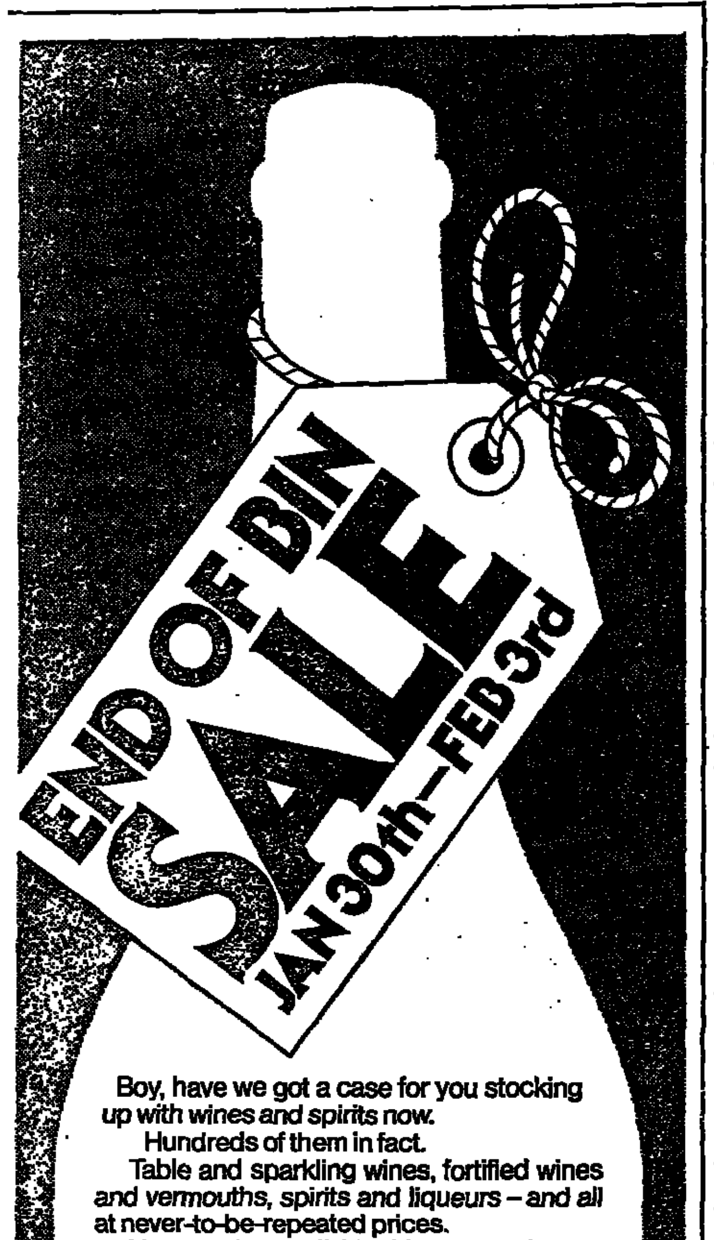
Mr Philip Agee, the author and former agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, will be notified tomorrow by the Dutch Ministry of Justic that he is to leave Holland.

This means that he will not be able to appeal before the Council of State, the country's highest administrative court, against the decision to refuse him a resident's permit. If Mr Agee, an American citizen, had not received formal notification of his expulsion before January 27 he would have ben able to do so.

The Ministry of Justice is taking its decision in spite of the fact that the majority of members of the Parliamentary Justice Committee, which today met Mrs Haars, the Secretary of State for Justice, requested that Mr Agee be given an opportunity to appeal.

According to Mrs Haars, there are no political or which to grant Mr Agee permission to stay in the Netherlands, as he is free to return to the United States without fear of prosecution. Mr Agee will be allowed to stay on for a few months to wind up his affairs.

Mr Agee arrived in the Netherlands at the end of June last year after being expelled from Britain and France.



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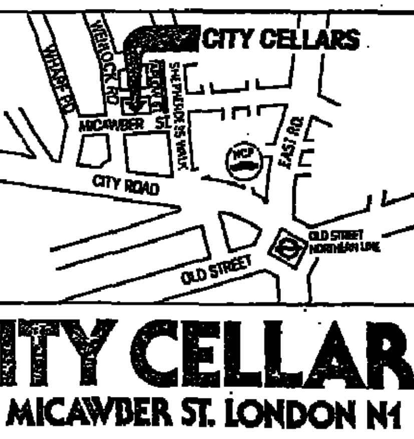

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Egypt disappointed by Mr Vance's mission of mediation

From David Watts
Cairo, Jan 24

The United States' estimate that the Egypt-Israel political talks can be resumed within a week to 10 days is regarded as optimistic by a senior diplomat in the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, who regards the performance of Mr Vance, the American Secretary of State, and his party as disappointing.

He said that the Vance mediation mission to the Middle East last week had achieved "nothing positive" and he doubted that the Americans had the will to act.

Calling for a more active American role, he noted that the United States had not failed o act in the aftermath of the 956 war when Washington was ot Israel's main arms supplier nd its leverage was considerably less.

The implication throughout he interview with the diploat was that the Egyptians elieve that those involved in e American mediation effort ere not men capable of "seizng the hour" in this present elicate phase of the negotiaons.

The diplomat, who estimated at it would be weeks or onths before the atmosphere as right for the political talks resume, noted that the mili ry talks were continuing at a wer level with the exchange position papers and maps lineating the possible shape a peace agreement on the ound.

Describing his own view as very pessimistic" about the ospects for progress once the lks resume, he said that the ll to find a peace agreement s there on both sides, deste the angry exchanges on the urnalistic and official levels the past week.

The tone of leading articles Egyptian newspapers, notly the English-language *yptian Gazette*, has been such that an Israeli journalist decided not to report one particularly choice example yesterday.

Jerusalem: Mr Weizman, the Israeli Defence Minister, has postponed a visit to the United States, increasing speculation here that he will soon resume military peace talks with Egypt.

The Minister had been due to go to the United States tomorrow to discuss Israel's request for arms. He said last night that a new date would be fixed after the Government took a decision on the Cairo talks.—Reuter.

Patrick Brogan writes from Washington: President Carter said last night that he hoped the Middle East peace talks would resume soon and that "the public exchanges of recent days are now behind us, and that every effort will be made to recapture the spirit that followed recent meetings between Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat, and to turn full attention through quiet diplomacy to the substance of the negotiations".

This statement was issued by the White House after Mr Vance had briefed Mr Carter on his Middle East talks.

It also said: "Secretary Vance described for the President the work on a declaration of principles which would govern the negotiations of a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East that had begun in the political committee before the Egyptian delegation was withdrawn."

The statement continued by saying that the President "stressed that we are prepared to continue exchanges with Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat that the Secretary began last week on a declaration of principles. Assistant Secretary Atherton is staying in the Middle East to be helpful in this effort".

Beirut: Syria has announced plans to march Israel's military might and reliable Arab sources said the build-up involved the financing by Libya of a substantial arms deal with the Soviet Union.—Reuter.

Settlement nearer after start of Belize talks

By Derry Hogue

Britain appears to be moving closer to an independence settlement for the Central American colony of Belize after talks which began in London yesterday.

Mr George Price, Premier of Belize, who flew into London yesterday morning, held two hours of talks in the afternoon with Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of State at the Foreign Office.

The talks, which will resume this morning, come after a meeting between Mr Price and Mr Rowlands in Jamaica last week and indicate a speeding up in attempts by Britain to resolve the issue. Dr Owen said after yesterday's talks that he hoped to make a statement to the Commons today.

The Foreign Office has consistently said that Britain is not negotiating at present with Belize but is conducting informal discussions both with the colony and its neighbours, particularly Guatemala, and that Britain has no *blueprint solution*.

Mr Callaghan, in answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, also gave a formal denial that Britain was involved *in negotiations*.

However, Britain is putting forward a number of what are described as "ideas" to Mr Price and the difference between these and formal negotiating points are regarded in some quarters as only semantic.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP, joint secretary of the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Committee, said yesterday that for a long time Britain used to say it was not holding negotiations with Rhodesia when in fact serious informal discussions had amounted to virtually the same thing.

The present round of Belize talks will be centring on British hopes that Belize will agree to hold a referendum on certain proposals before the colony becomes independent.

Mr George Price, Premier of Belize, arriving in London

One of these plans includes the ceding of the southern tip of Belize to Guatemala, a move which so far Mr Price has said is not acceptable to his Government.

A report in *The Guardian* yesterday that Britain had discussed giving the northern part of Belize to Mexico as well as the southern region to Guatemala was strongly denied by the Foreign Office and in a statement by the Mexican Government last week. The report is generally given little credence.

The present discussions come against a background of overwhelming support among English-speaking countries in the Caribbean and most Central American states for the right of self-determination for Belize.

The main stumbling block is a long-standing claim by Guatemala to the southern region. To accept this claim would settle the issue quickly for Britain, but would then raise other historic claims in the area after independence.

Mexico has in reserve a claim dating from the end of Spanish control in the area for part of Belize if part of the colony is granted to Guatemala.

Rhodesian talks still deadlocked on white safeguards issue

From Frederick Cleary
Salisbury, Jan 24

The question of the duration of white safeguards after majority rule in Rhodesia is still holding up the internal settlement talks. The heads of the four delegations met again today and adjourned after one and a quarter hours with this key issue apparently still unresolved.

The Rev Ndabaningi Sithole is still believed to be holding out for the so-called blocking parliamentary mechanism to be written into the new constitution for only five years and then reviewed. Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and Chief Jeremiah Chirau have settled for 10 years. The three are anxious to move on to the next big issue which concerns the composition of the security forces.

The talks were adjourned last Thursday to enable Mr Sithole to consult his party executive. Friday's scheduled meeting was cancelled, and further discussions for 90 minutes on Monday were also fruitless.

With the meeting in Malta between Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Andrew Young, the United States representative at the United Nations, and the Patriotic Front leaders, Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, due on Monday, political observers here believe that the delegation to the internal talks are anxious to settle the issue of white representation before that and capitalize on its propaganda value.

After today's meeting Mr Sithole said that progress had been made. Chief Chirau said that the meeting made him happier while Bishop Muzorewa merely smiled and waved. Sources say that some headway was made.

Problems arising from censorship on the reporting of security matters were discussed at length today at an off-the-record meeting of more than an hour between Mr Holland, the Deputy Minister of Information, and about 30 local and overseas journalists.

The Sunday Mail said this week that no reports or comment would be permitted on the Government's recent "safe return" policy towards guerrillas.

Mr Sithole said today that he had it in writing that the present war would end in the event of an internal settlement. He had this written guarantee from a very reliable source.

"We are not looking for any kind of settlement. We want a settlement that will stop the war. If the settlement cannot stop the war then its no settlement", he said. Blacks and whites had been fighting each other for a long time and they should now come to terms.

In an undisguised attack on Mr Sithole tonight, Bishop Muzorewa accused what he described as "would-be super nationalists" of dithering and blustering on the white safeguards issue.

He also said that at the beginning of the settlement talks the participants had agreed that all proceedings would be treated in strict confidence. This agreement was being broken

Commandos urged to recruit blacks

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Jan 24

South Africa's commando units—the country's Home Guard—have been urged by the Chief of the Armed Forces to accept black volunteers.

Lieutenant-General Magnus Malan told a Commando unit at Randburg, near Johannesburg, that black, brown and white soldiers were fighting side by side in the operational area [northern Namibia]. The loyalty of the non-whites was "beyond suspicion", he said.

The commandos consist of about 90,000 men, aged from 18 to 55, predominantly part-time volunteers, organized in infantry battalions for local defence.

There are also 13 Air Commando squadrons, whose pilots fly private aircraft which, in emergencies, would be used for spotting, casualty evacuation and similar tasks.

the word "commando" is an evocative and romantic one for many white South Africans. It dates back to the bands of Afrikaner farmersoldiers who contained thousands of British troops during the Boer war. Thus, General Malan, in his call on the Commandos to open their drill halls to blacks, carefully refrained from making it an outright order.

He said blacks were living in every Commando area and were possibly even more likely targets for enemy attacks and intimidation than whites. Properly organized, trained and equipped, they could play a vital role in combating attacks, gathering intelligence and aiding in civil disasters. The Commando organization lent itself excellently to the employment of non-whites.

An Army spokesman commented that if blacks were accepted by Commandos, recruits would be carefully screened. They would no doubt include servants, industrial workers and others and all would train with whites.

Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, said he was aware *of resistance* by Commandos to signing up blacks. He said: "In the rural areas in particular whites look on blacks and Coloureds as their enemies. They cannot imagine fighting alongside them."

Meanwhile, Chief Kaiser Matanzima, Chief Minister of Transkei, has ordered the 27 South African advisers and instructors seconded to his fledgling 320-man Army to leave.

Chief Matanzima said that henceforth Transkei officers would "go out to any country to further their training". But Transkei would still request arms from South Africa.

It is thought that the Transkei action could be in retaliation for the demolition last week of the Unibell shantytown outside Cape Town.

Many of the squatters have Transkei citizenship and the Transkei Government claims the South African authorities reneged on an agreement not to demolish the camp until alternative accommodation had been arranged.

airo gives researcher permission to test long-held heory about ancient methods of building

apan adds a pyramid to Egypt's skyline

om Our Own Correspondent
ro, Jan 24

The Japanese tourists who k Cairo's bazaars during the ter can eat in a Japanese taurant or go to the Japan ural Centre. Soon they will ble to gasp at a Japanesee pyramid too.

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ork has started on levelling site, which is some four s south of the Cheops, or t pyramid, at Giza, on which Japanese miniature will be elled. It will be possible to the new pyramid from the -year-old originals, but the se will not be so.

Mr Yoshimura, who has been doing archaeological research at Luxor for 12 years, hopes to find out how the pyramids were built. Most of the tools his workmen will use will be modelled on those that would have been available to the workers and craftsmen of ancient Egypt.

The original one, which is 486ft high, is estimated to weigh 6,800,000 tons. The replica, which will be one-fifteenth of the size, will use limestone blocks weighing 25,353 tons.

The cutting and dressing of the stones, which will come from quarries at Helwan, south of Cairo, will be done by hand. But they will be lifted into place by fork-lift trucks.

The project is sponsored by Nippon Television and it is hoped the work will be completed in time for the organization's twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations later this year.

Mr Yoshimura, who is working with Professor Yasutada Watanabe, professor of architecture at Waseda University, expects the pyramid will take about three months to build.

Egyptian labour, recruited from villages near by, will be paid two Egyptian pounds (about £1.50) a day.

Mr Takayoshi Satoh, the programme producer, said: "Many people are fascinated by the pyramids and there are thousands of theories about how they were built and what was their purpose. But no one has tried before to find out by the use of his own muscles."

Mr Yoshimura, who plans to do a thesis and write a book from his work, said: "I used to dream of the pyramids as a child. I have always wanted to build one. When I suggested it to Nippon Television, they laughed. But not for long."

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art surgery for Mitchell

hington, Jan 24.—Mr Mitchell, the former l States Attorney General, uccessfully undergone an ion to repair a blood s leading from his heart Georgetown University al.

Mitchell, who is 64, is on d leave from prison.

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Western nations to discuss Somali arms request

By Our Foreign Staff

The five Western countries approached by Somalia for arms supplies to sustain its conflict with Ethiopia are to meet in London next Tuesday to discuss the effects of the war.

Britain, France, the United States, West Germany and Italy have yet to reply to the request made by President Siad Barre of Somalia, although officials of the five countries held a meeting in Washington over the weekend.

Britain has so far not sent arms because it is concerned about the territorial claims being made by Somali forces in the Ogaden desert.

Bahrain: A huge Soviet airlift into Aden, reported to be carrying arms for transhipment to Ethiopia, has virtually ended, aviation sources said here.

It was running at one flight a day last month, but only three Antonov transport aircraft in the colours of the Soviet airline Aeroflot have taken the route over the Gulf to the South Yemeni capital this month, the sources said. The last was on January 19.

Bahrain air traffic controllers said the flights were a potential hazard to international air traffic because the Russians usually cut contact with them when appraching the coast of the United Arab Emirates.

Washington: The United States Embassy in Addis Ababa has stopped answering telephone calls from journalists outside Ethiopia asking about events inside the country, the State Department said. The action was taken in response to complaints by the Ethiopian Government. —Reuter.

Bolivia to lift ban on miners' union

La Paz, Jan 24.—Leaders of the banned Federation of Bolivian Mining Workers emerged from illegality today. At a press conference at the federation's offices here, they called for labour unity and democratic elections of worker representatives in all Bolivian mines.

"We did not seek illegality voluntarily. It was imposed on us by repression", they said in a statement. They added that the unions' first concern was "immediate rehiring of the comrades fired for political reasons, with no discrimination".

Señor Mario Vargas, the Labour Minister, said the Bolivian military Government would issue a decree today legalizing the unions, which were banned on November 9, 1974.

Señor Filemon Escobar, one of the union leaders, thanked hunger strikers who recently forced the Government to issue an amnesty for political prisoners.—Agence France-Presse.

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Turkey to cut Cyprus force by 500 troops

Ankara, Jan 24.—Turkey today announced that 500 more troops would be withdrawn from Cyprus in what was seen here as a gesture to improve the atmosphere for intercommunal talks on the island's future.

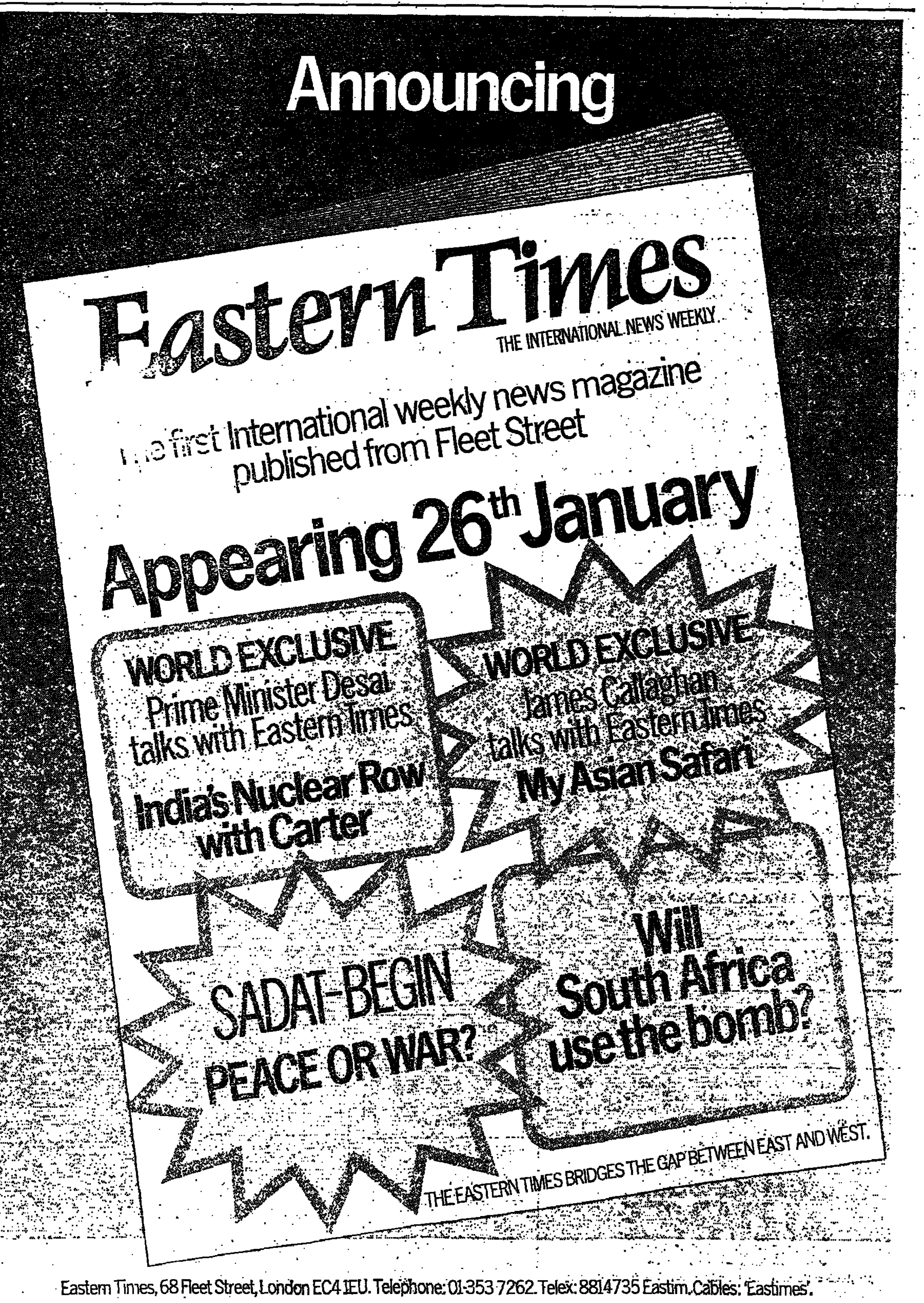
The new withdrawal follows the removal of 700 troops last month. It brings the total number withdrawn to 14,200 since the Turkish invasion of Cyprus

About 29,000 troops remain in Cyprus.

Mr Ecevit has promised concrete proposals on solving the deadlock between the Turkish-Cypriot and Greek-Cypriot communities to enable Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, to resume intercommunal talks.

Mr Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, who has been meeting Government leaders in Ankara, said on his return to Cyprus that settlement proposals would be ready in three to four weeks.

Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, also visited Turkey and Greece last week.—Reuter.



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Justice officials take Carter statement on dismissal of attorney

From David Cross
Washington, Jan 24

Justice Department investigators have taken the highly unusual course of obtaining statements from President Carter, his Attorney General, Mr Griffin Bell, and other leading Administration officials on the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of a Republican public prosecutor.

Mr David Marston, the United States attorney of Philadelphia, was dismissed by Mr Bell last Friday after a spirited, although unsuccessful, campaign by his supporters to keep him in his post. Mr Bell made no secret of the reason for his dismissal, which was that a Democratic Administration could not be expected to retain attorneys appointed by a Republican President, in this case Mr Ford.

The decision to dismiss Mr Marston was in itself controversial since Mr Carter had promised during his election campaign to appoint attorneys for their qualifications and not for political reasons.

However, the decision began to assume more serious proportions when Mr Carter disclosed that he had asked Mr Bell to *expedite* Mr Marston's dismissal after receiving a telephone call from a Democratic Congressman from Pennsylvania, Mr Joshua Eilberg. Mr Eilberg is reported to be the target of a corruption investigation initiated by Mr Marston.

Both Mr Carter and Mr Bell have stortly denied having any knowledge of such an investigation when they decided to accelerate Mr Marston's dismissal.

A White House spokesman told reporters yesterday that Mr Carter became aware of Mr Monton's interest in Mr Eilberg only on January 12, the day when the issue came to national prominence during a Presidential press conference. Mr Eilberg made his telephone call to Mr Carter in early November.

The Justice Department investigators are now trying to establish whether this and other assertions by leading Administration officials are true.

Meanwhile, the Administration is looking for a successor to Mr Marston, who they have promised will be at least as highly qualified.

Bhutto silence under barrage of questions

Lahore, Jan 24. Mr Bhutto, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan, refused to give evidence in his defence today when questioned about events leading u pto the ambush of a political rival three years ago.

Mr Bhutto, who has pleaded not guilty to murder in connexion with the ambush, was called to the witness stand under a procedure which obliges an accused to answer without taking an oath.

He said that he would answer questions dealing only with the reasons for the trial, why a case was "fabricated" against him, and his lack of confidence in obtaining a fair trial.

Later, apart from a few asides, Mr Bhutto repeated to all questions: "I have nothing to say in my defence for the reasons given about."

The ambush was aleged to have been carried out against Mr Ahmed Raza Kasuri by officers of the Federal Security Force, since disbanded.

Four other people are also charged as a result of the incident, in which Mr Kasuri's father, Nawab Muhammad Ahmed Khan, was fatally wounded. Mr Kasuri was a founder member of Mr Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party but later became one of his most outspoken critics.

The questions put to Mr Bhutto today by the High Court bench included inquiries about his relations with Mr Kasuri, who was especially critical of Mr Bhutto over the secession of Pakistan's eastern wing, now Bangladesh.

Mr Bhutto was asked whether he had publicly threatened any politician who attended a session of the National Assembly in Dacca, East Pakistan, before the secession. Mr Kasuri was the only one to attend.

He was also asked whether Mr Kasuri was shot three times in the leg in January, 1972, soon after Mr Bhutto took over as President and chief martial law administrator.

Mr Bhutto was asked to confirm that he once shouted at Mr Kasuri, on the floor of the National Assembly: "I have had enough of you. Absolute poison. I will not tolerate your nuisance. I have had enough of this man."—Reuter.

Wilmington Ten have jail terms reduced

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Jan 24

Mr James Hunt, the Governor of North Carolina, announced last night that he was reducing the sentences of nine of the so-called Wilmington Ten, classed as prisoners of conscience by Amnesty International. But his refusal to pardon the nine black men, convicted of burning a white-owned shop and conspiring to shoot police and firemen in 1971, has revived the controversy which he had hoped to allay by his intervention. The tenth, a white woman sentenced on a lesser charge, is already out of jail on parole.

Announcing his decision on television, he said: "From all that I have learnt in reviewing this case, I have concluded that there was a fair trial, the jury made the right decision and the appellate courts reviewed it properly and ruled correctly. I have confidence in what our courts and judges have done. Accordingly, I cannot and will not pardon these defendants."

The sentence of the Rev Ben Chavis, the leader of the group, was cut by eight years to 17 years. The other eight had their sentences reduced by seven years, to between 13 and 15 years. The reductions mean that all nine could be freed on parole within a year.

Lawyers for the prisoners say that they will institute fresh appeal procedures to have them pardoned. The convictions result from racial disturbances in Wilmington, North Carolina, in February 1971. A week of sporadic violence ensued when high school pupils boycotted classes and marched to protest against the refusal of the authorities to arrange a memorial service for Martin Luther King, the black civil rights campaigner.

Mr Chavis, director of the Washington office of the United Church of Christ's Commission on Racial Justice, was sent to Wilmington by the church in an attempt to calm the disturbances. The prosecution alleged that he had encouraged a group of students to set fire to a white-owned grovery shop and then to shoot at policemen and firemen who came to fight the blaze.

In a fresh hearing last year, the state's three most important witnesses in the 1972 trial withdrew their earlier evidence, but the judge turned down a request for a new trial. Apart from Amnesty International's espousal of the prisoners' cause, the case has also been mentioned by the Russians as an alleged example of the denial of human rights in the United States.

Boston residents make slow progress in freeing their cars from snowdrifts piled up during the weekend storm when four feet of snow fell on the area.

Nominee fo bank post is criticized in Senate

From Our Own Correspond
Washington, Jan 24

Mr William Proxmire, ch man of the Senate banking c mittee, today raised his pers doubts about the suitabilit Mr Miller, a 52-year-old ł nessman from Rhode Islanc be chairman of the Fed Reserve Board, America's tral bank.

"On-the-job training may dangerous to the economy" told the opening session confirmation hearing for Miller, who is chairman of huge conglomerate, Text

When Mr Miller was no ated by President Carter month to replace Dr Ar Burns as chairman of Federal Reserve Board, Proxmire was one of the congressmen to criticize decision. Mr Miller's enthu tic endorsement by the lea lights of the business munity convinced most gressmen that Mr Carter made a wise decision.

At today's confirmation ing, Mr Proxmire said he "disturbed" that Mr M would have to rely for ac on the staff of the Fec Reserve Board for sev months after his appointm which is due to take effect month. He felt that the of chairman of the board sh go only to a financial expe

American union says 1976 disaster would not have happened in one of its pits

Safety a life and death issue for miners and owners

Fro mMichael Leapman
New York, Jan 24

Of the many issues raised by the continuing seven-week strike of American miners, the most emotive is that of mine safety. The United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), which could be destroyed if it emerges defeated from the strike, regards its insistence on strict safety standards as one of the main arguments for its existence.

Its officials say that reluctant mine owners have been persuaded to introduce safer practices only after union pressure. The word used as verbal shorthand for the argument is "Scotia."

That is the name of a mine where 26 miners died in an explosion in 1976. After the disaster, a strike for union recognition started at a mine owned by the same company at Stearns, Kentucky, and it is still going on after 18 months. During the dispute there have been exchanges of gunfire.

The miners at Scotia did not belong to the UMWA. Union officials say that, if they had, their safety inspectors would have identified the hazard before anyone was killed.

Mr Robert Carter, president of the UMWA's District 30, says: "If our members are asked to do something, they do not have to do it if they think it is unsafe. A non-union man cannot refuse. That is why he gets paid scab wages."

A union underground worker gets between $50 (about £26) and $60 a day. Non-union miners generally get between $60 and $70.

"We have higher productivity so we can pay a higher wage", Mr Paul Patton, owner of the Chapperal Mining Company near Pikeville, Kentucky, said.

It is not strictly correct to call Mr Patton's employees non-union because they belong to the Tennessee-based Southern Labour Union (SLU), which has about 3,000 members in the Appalachian mines. The UMWA calls it a bosses' union, but Mr Patton puts it differently.

"Their attitude is a constructive one", he said. "We do not have wildcat strikes here and our employees are not committed to one job. We expect the men to work and the employees who do not work we get rid of."

Th 200 men at Chapperal had stopped work only after the UMWA members burnt down an office building, Mr Patton said. "Our people decided to quit because they were afraid for the safety of themselves and their families."

He continued: "The union feels it is in a life or death struggle. This company is in a life or death struggle. We are small and we are heavily mortgaged. We will be bankrupt if we go through March and do not move any coal."

Mr Norman Yarborough, president of the Eastover Mining Company, which owns four mines in eastern Kentucky and Virginia, believes that the strike is political and equates Mr Arnold Miller, leader of the UMWA, with Mr Joe Gormley, leader of the British miners and apparently an orge in the eyes of American coal owners.

One of Eastover's four mines, at Brookside, in Harlan County, was the scene of a 13-month strike in 1973 and 1974 over UMWA recognition. It resulted in a victory for the union and has been documented in a widely praised film, *Harlan County, USA.*

Criticism of the UMWA leadership comes not only from the owners but also from some miners. After Mr Tony Boyle was accused of arranging the murder of a union rival in 1970, democratic procedures for electing mine leaders were introduced. Since then the union has been rent by factionalism.

The roots of the conflict in the coalfields lie in the early 1950s when many coal mines closed after industry switched to oil for its main source of energy.

But as demand for coal dually revived, small oper reopened the eastern Kent mines. Since they could afford to pay union wages UMWA negotiated "s heart" contracts allowing to pay less. In 1962 UMWA cancelled these tracts and the small ov turned to non-union labou demand for coal incr they matched and then bet union rates.

Some union activists be the coal owners are now t to smash the UMWA and being abetted by the police. Mr Chuck Park striking miner from the U States Steel mine at L Kentucky, and his wife, F (who helped to organi group of women to suppor miners during the Broo strike), accuse "police th of inciting violence on picket lines.

Tempers run high, and UMWA promises to see struggle through. "They fight till Hell freezes o Mr Parker said.

Contest of snake charmers takes four days

Hyderabad, Jan 24.—To the wailing of flutes and chanting of spells, two old men battled for four days in a crowded stadium here for the right to be crowned Pakistan's champion snake charmer.

Up to 15,000 people watched the two men

The title and a prize of 50,000 rupees (£2,600), put up by a Snake Research Institute, eventually went to Photo Khan, who claims to be more than 100 years old. His rival, the Nawab of Tajpur, ceded the contest when Photo Khan draped a highly poisonous snake round his neck.—Reuter.

China expecting poor harvest with cold spring

From David Bonavia
Hongkong, Jan 24

The Chinese authorities have predicted a bad first harvest this year, and have said emergency measures are being taken

"According to years of experience, the unseasonably warm weather this winter will probably lead to a cold spring, killing off winter-sown crops which have germinated prematurely", the Peking Weather Bureau said.

Last year China had to import nearly eight million tons of grain because of bad harvests.

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VERSEAS

oscow cuts red tape to permit eedy reconstruction of e-damaged American embassy

Michael Binyon
w, Jan 24

an fire engulfed the top of the American Em- in Moscow last August, firemen said the whole ng would collapse.

old Russian buildings are built. Not only was the g saved, but an American construction team is ll on its way to restoring floors to full use. By the r, and at a rough cost (£2.5m), America's most ant embassy abroad be completely renovated. nstruction of the security of an embassy is a job, and in the Soviet doubly so. All the als have been imported abroad, mainly Finland estern Europe; all the has come from the States, Austria and ; and all the valuable d communication equip- estroyed have had to be d.

irst task was to put back ooden roof before the snows came. This was lished by October. Then ath floor, the communi- centre, was rebuilt. Now builders from the American Navy are working on the completely gutted eighth floor, where the fire began.

One by one the various sections of the embassy, now housed in cramped conditions in the lower floors, will move upstairs. The ambassador will soon be able to use his old office again.

The freeze put on all new diplomatic appointments, to release living space for the construction team, is easing, and the embassy will shortly be back to full strength.

It was a devastating fire. "It looked like Dresden after the bombing", one member of the embassy said. There is still a strong smell of charred timber. The walls upstairs are blackened, the banisters burnt to a crisp and the lower floors still show signs of water damage.

The Americans restored communication links within 24 hours of the weekend fire and, apart from the inconvenience, the work of the embassy has hardly suffered.

The Russians have been very curious to see how the repairs have been going. There were reports last summer of teams sifting through the ashes dumped outside Moscow.

But the Soviet Government has responded to the Americans' request to speed up the formalities for importing lorry loads of building material, and the embassy has been gratified by the lack of bureaucratic obstacles.

The solid brick construction with ornate balconies was originally a block of flats. It is in one of the few regions of Moscow where the current is still 127 volts (the rest having been converted to the standard 220) and every piece of electrical equipment therefore needs a transformer.

It is presumed that the fire was started by a malfunctioning transformer, and so fierce was the blaze that all evidence was destroyed. The temperature in some rooms rose to several hundred degrees.

The embassy is using the occasion for a general renovation and improvement of its fire detection system. Indeed, throughout Moscow fire precautions have been improved as a result of the disastrous fire in the Rossiya Hotel last year.

In the main Soviet hotels, for example, fire precautions are clearly displayed and emergency staircases are left open. A year ago they were often locked.

Release for students arrested in Indonesia

Jakarta, Jan 24.—The Indonesian Government has released a number of students arrested last Friday when the Army took action against student groups opposing President Suharto's reelection next March.

Informed sources said today that about 70 students were still being held for questioning after rectors of universities agreed to help in settling the present unrest.

Lieutenant-General Syarif Thayeb, the Minister of Education, gave a warning that action would be taken against those rectors who failed to use their influence to halt the student unrest.

The Attorney General's office today banned the *Student White Book*, issued by the Bandung Institute of Technology, which called on President Suharto to reject his renomination. The book's contents were considered inflammatory and could affect national stability, an official spokesman said.

The armed forces' newspaper *Angkatan Bersenjata* said today that other candidates could also be nominated for the presidential election as long as this was done constitutionally.—Reuter.

Press protest: The International Press Institute, an independent organization comprising about 2,000 editors and publishers in more than 60 countries, has sent a message to President Suharto expressing its deep concern at his Government's decision to withdraw the licences of eight daily newspapers.

The IPI's telegram went on: "We understand that the spokesman for the Jakarta Military Command has said that the closures are intended to maintain security and order, but this will be widely regarded as a crude attempt to influence public response to the presidential election in March. We urge you to rescind your decision or substantiate the reported allegation that the papers might publish reports which could endanger stability."

In its message the IPI also raised the matter of 24 journalists said to be in detention, many without charge or trial, and asked whether any of them were due for release under the recent amnesty for up to 10,000 political prisoners.

mer Yugoslav diplomat says he was napped by gang near Zurich

essa Trevisan
e, Jan 24

way Mr Mileta Perovic, er Yugoslav diplomat eading pro-Soviet exile, to the hands of the police has been ed by his lawyer. The mat claims that he was ed by an international st July in Switzerland ught by force to Yugo-

Perovic, who is in jail trial, told his lawyer, n Barovic, that he was a boarding house near by six men who claimed g to an Italian right- rganization. After de- a ransom equivalent ,000, they gagged him, him and drove him across the border into Yugoslavia

Mr Perovic lived in the Soviet Union until 1975 when, as a gesture to the Yugoslavs, the Russians asked him to leave. He disappeared last summer after travelling from Paris to Zurich in order to meet a friend who had promised to find him accommodation in a boarding house.

An Italian claiming to be the leader of an international gang appeared at the house, and then six young men rushed in and caught and drugged Mr Perovic, his lawyer said. He wrote letters to friends asking for help with ransom money. After driving him, hooded, to an unknown destination, his captors told him that the money had not come but that they had decided to do "something worse" than killing him.

After more driving he was left in a locked car. It was then that he heard voices which he recognized as Yugoslav. A policeman asked for his documents, which he did not have.

Mr Petrovic claims he was then arrested and flown to Belgrade

He is charged with plotting against the state and with organizing counter-revolutionary groups with the aim of bringing Yugoslavia under foreign domination. He is alleged to have been the main organizer of an unsuccessful attempt in 1973 to establish an underground pro-Soviet Communist Party in Yugoslavia.

d World report

ow Chad came to love the acacia tree

Correspondent
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is desperately poor, exploitable natural re- minimal industry, and c shortage of funds. vo-year drought in the gion five years ago re- loss of livestock, south- migration by both and animals, land pres- ailed harvests, insuf- ood and denuded soil. acacia albida" project ched by the American nization CARE in the the drought. It came e when projects sub- funding agencies were d to include an agricul- nponent with an em- n increased food pro- better grain storage oved herds.

n of this project is to farmers, through a r work" scheme, to cia albida seedlings in their fields. Many farmers are already familiar with the tree and know of the benefits of having it on their land—as do the Fulani herders who cut it down in times of hardship to feed it to their animals.

The acacia was chosen because it is an extraordinarily suitable tree for semiarid lands. The tree has a reverse deciduous cycle and gives shade and humus to the soil when everything else is long since dead and parched and it remains leafless when other vegetation is available as fodder.

It produces an exceptionally rich humus and is widely recognized as an excellent tree under which crop yields are significantly increased—a vital factor in a country with a constant food deficit. In the long term it will provide timber for construction and fuel.

In 1975 the United States Agency for International Development granted to CARE, the executing agency, £610,000 to plant 8,750 acres over a four-year period. Chad now has to prove to a people preoccupied with the realities of subsistence farming that trees are also an important part of the agricultural cycle.

To do so the Goverment has seconded 15 officials from the Chad Forestry Ministry to work with two American foresters from CARE. It is they who take the idea of tree planting to local administrative authorities, schools, dispensaries, markets and even prisons.

The foresters also manage the distribution of food under the "food for work" scheme, where each farmer receives one sack of wheat (48lb and one gallon of oil per hectare (two and a half acres) worked during each operation.

It is extremely unlikely that without the "food for work" scheme the tree planting project could ever have been successfully launched. Certainly, most farmers agreed to plant trees for motives other than land conservation. And this is hardly surprising in an economy which views the future not in terms of years and the lifespan of trees but in the precarious balance of foodstocks from one year's harvest to the next.

Three years after the start of the project 8,750 acres of acacia albida trees have been planted in villages along a 95-mile stretch of the main road north of Ndjamena, and 160 miles south.

It has also resulted in communal village forests and windbreaks being planted. Farmers now come to nurseries asking for trees to plant themselves. Perhaps the most telling fact is that acacia seedlings have been stolen and sold in the local markets.

By the end of next year it is hoped to have one million acacia trees established.

ch Prime ster China visit

Jan 24.—M Raymond he French Prime left Shanghai for ight after a visit to ing which he signed scientific and tech- eration agreement. had talks on inter- ffairs and relations rance and China with Hua Kuo-feng was seen off at the y. Mr Ku Mu, a me Minister.

nt he told a banquet our in Shanghai that hat we have laid a ndmark in the ng of the tradi- ir two countries. . . of the geographical d the difference in tions and, today, in systems, I have seen tors that can bring —Reuter.

Annual slaughter threatens survival of sea turtle

Mexico City, Jan 24.—The survival of the 770lb sea turtle is at risk because of the annual slaughter of females off Mexican coasts. Its numbers have already slumped off Mexico from 300,000 to 20,000 in 10 years.

Every year, between 70,000 and 100,000 females are caught while swimming towards the white beaches to lay eggs. Fishermen slit them alive on the spot and collect the still warm eggs from their bodies.

These "golden eggs", as the fishermen call them, are highly valued both for their taste and as a supposed aphrodisiac.

Last October, one of the three months in which the turtles come ashore, the fishermen of Oaxaca waited in vain for their arrival. They had been exterminated totally in the hunt of the previous year, the Government said.

Outsiders, including Peter Fonda the film actor, have come to Mexico to join local conservationists in pleading for an end to the butchery of turtles.

Mexico has recently passed legislation banning turtle hunting during the reproductive season. Fishermen who defy it face a heavy fine and the confiscation of their fishing gear.

The maximum annual catch for the three threatened species, the Green, Caguama and Carey turtles, was fixed at 50,000. The government also set up a turtle reproduction programme aimed at breeding 20,000 turtles in the states of Sinaloa, Nayarit, Michoacan, Guerrero, Oaxaca and Chiapas.—Agence France-Presse.

Hashish suspect in Australian manhunt caught

Katherine, Australia, Jan 24.—Police today captured the man believed to have been the pilot of an aircraft carrying millions of dollars worth of hashish which crashlauded near here after an air chase

An extensive 24-hour manhunt, in which Aboriginal trackers were used, ended when Mr Donald Roy Tait, aged 45, surrendered to the police in rugged bushland

Mr Tait, wanted in New South Wales for breaking bail on a fraud charge, gave himself up quietly after being spotted by a motorcyclist.

The aircraft carrying marijuana worth $A3,500,000 (about £2,200,000) crashed north of Katherine and was set alight on Sunday night after a Royal Australian Air Force transport chased it for 90 minutes and forced it down.

Science report

Immunology: Recognition of self and non-self

with skin transplants the realization that immune system can between "self" and and reject foreign e recently immunolo- egun to find out why system needs to be ke that distinction. rican team has shown organ is responsible the immune system and what is foreign. the thymus, a gland which is known to be nal resistance to in- hose precise function en quite clear.

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Dr Rolf Zinkernagel and Dr Peter Doherty at the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, California, were the first to show that T cells were needed to recognize self antigens in order to kill cells that were infected with viruses. They inoculated inbred mice with vaccinia virus to induce immunity and then removed the immune T cells and tested them for their ability to kill vaccinia-infected cells both from mice of the same strain (and thus bearing the same histocompatibility antigens) and from mice of a different strain (and bearing foreign antigens). The T cells would kill only infected cells bearing their own antigens.

That implies that what causes an immune response in such T cells is the presence of the "self" antigen in conjunction with a foreign viral antigen. But what the T cell recognizes as "self" does not necessarily correspond to the T cell's own histocompatibility antigens. Immunologists discovered that by various tricks they can use they can provide mice with T cells that bear foreign antigens.

The trick that Dr Zinkernagel used, in recent experiments with collaborators at the South-western Medical School in Dallas and the Salk Institute in La Jolla, was quite simple. He took mice of one strain, say strain X, killed all their T cells by irradiation, and then replaced them with T cells belonging to a different strain, say strain Y. The X mice accepted the massive transplant of cells bearing Y-strain antigens, because having no negative T cells they had no means of rejecting them.

Then Dr Zinkernagel repeated his vaccination experiment. He inoculated the mice with vaccinia virus, removed the T cells and tested them for their ability to kill infected X-strain cells and infected Y-strain cells. They would kill *only* the X cells, whose antigens matched those of the mouse but not those of the killer T cells.

It is known that all T cells mature in the thymus, and it has often been speculated that one function of the thymus might be to imprint T cells with the ability to recognize "self" antigens. In that case, self antigens should correspond to thymus antigens.

To discover whether it was in fact the thymus that defined self, Dr Zinkernagel added one more step to his experiment. As well as replacing the T cells of X mice with Y T cells, he replaced the original thymus with a Y thymus. Then he inoculated the mice and tested their T cells again.

This time the T cells would kill only infected Y cells, showing that the thymus exerted the crucial influence on what the T cells "saw" as self.

Now that it is know where the crucial self/non-self distinction is learned by T cells, it may be possible for immunologists to discover the biochemical basis for some T cell responses, and understand the complex recognition problems posed by all immune responses.

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Viewpoint

Why R. Nozick is doing much better than K. Marx

Readers of *The Times* who commute to London Bridge Station and then walk across the bridge into the City may for some months have been puzzled by graffiti clearly painted on the boards over the window of an unlet shop: "K. MARX IS DEAD; R. NOZICK LIVES." Marx is dead all right, but who is Nozick?

Robert Nozick is the author of a book called *Anarchy, State and Utopia* which was published in the United States in 1974, and according to Basil Blackwell's (the United Kingdom publisher's) blurb was widely discussed among philosophers long *before* its publication. (One of the miracles of modern publishing?) In 1974 he taught at Harvard and he is one of a growing class of American political philosophers sometimes referred to as "libertarians", who are to be distinguished by what they are *against*, rather than what they are *for*. They are against the welfare state, and government guided by what Nozick calls "end-state" principles, like those governments which try to achieve a more equal share of wealth among their individual citizens.

His basic premise derives from Locke. Individuals have rights and there are things no person or group may do without violating these rights. To violate these rights (which he finds no difficulty in proving that end-state-minded governments do) is immoral whether the immoral act is done by another individual or the state. It is important to recognize that Nozick's stand is founded on the belief (that others would question) that *moral* philosophy sets the background for, and boundaries of, *political* philosophy.

Nozick takes seriously the anarchist claim that *all* government must necessarily violate an individual's rights and is therefore immoral *per se*, and rejects this extreme view in favour of a look at the *ultra-minimal state*. An ultra-minimal state maintains a monopoly over all use of force except that necessary in immediate self-defence, but it provides protection against violence, theft, and fraud, and enforces contracts (functions which have traditionally been treated as the minimum any government should provide) only for those of its citizens who *purchase* its protection and enforcement policies of their own free will, leaving anyone else to his own devices.

He quickly rejects the morality of this in favour of the *minimal state*, which is equivalent to the ultra-minimal state conjoined with devices (financed through taxation) under which those unable to purchase the protection (eg because they have no money) are provided with a Friedmanesque voucher system enabling them to acquire protection and enforcement policies from the ultra-minimal state, should they so wish.

This is *all* he wants the state to do: provide protection against violence, theft and fraud, and some arrangement for enforcing contracts. He has no difficulty in showing how if it tries to do more, the state inevitably violates an individual's rights (as he defines these). Citizens may own property only if it is in accordance with three principles of distributive justice: (1) he must have acquired it justly (eg by gift, voluntary exchange or purchase); (2) he must have acquired it from someone who held it justly; and (3) no one is entitled to ownership except by (repeated) applications of (1) and (2). These valid "historical principles" on which wealth may be morally redistributed are contrasted favourably with "end-state" principles and in this way he rules out very nearly any action by the state which aims to aid the poor.

Nozick spends a great part of the book having fun with Marxists and others who have, by Nozick's argument, believed that there is a case for the state doing more than he will allow. His method is to ask hundreds of questions of *their* theories which clearly cannot be answered satisfactorily. I have come to approve wholeheartedly of Nozick's political philosophy, not so much on moral grounds as on the rather different ground that action by the state in these areas is ruinously expensive (because it cannot be controlled by any one and escalates inevitably, in the long run, to national bankruptcy) and therefore I wholly approve the spirit of the London Bridge graffiti. Long may Nozick live, but a word of caution.

It may seem surprising that libertarianism has not had a bigger following among United Kingdom political philosophers although it has long been held (obliquely) by, eg, the economists associated with the Institute of Economic Affairs. I think the reason is to be found in the fact that they have better assimilated Hume's devastating reply to Locke: "Reason tells us that there *is* no property in durable objects, such as land and houses, when carefully examined in passing from hand to hand, but must, in some period, have been founded on fraud and injustice." So where do we *start* to put it right if we begin with first principles?

People's moral judgments differ. Thus in discussing Herbert Hart's "principle of fairness"—that when a number of people engage in a just, mutually advantageous, cooperative venture according to rules and thus restrain their liberty in ways necessary to yield advantages to all, those who have submitted to these restrictions have a right to similar acquiescence on the part of those who have benefited from their submission—Nozick asks questions expecting the answer No, to which very many people would answer with an unhesitating Yes: "If each day a different person on your street sweeps the entire street, must you do so when your time comes? . . . Must you mow your front lawn as often as your neighbours mow theirs? . . ."

To Nozick it is axiomatic that the individual person is more important than the community—thus *moral* philosophy sets the background to political philosophy. To others—Aristotle, for example, not to mention Marx—the community is more important than the individual. Nozick does not *prove* anything. But neither did Marx. What he has done is to make his *assertion* of his value judgment in a clear, witty and agreeable way in a world which has heard far too much for far too long of the opposite view.

Oliver Stutchbury

The editor, the colonel and the upper-class bright boy

Conspirators in thrillers always manage to recognize each other quite easily. "I'll be wearing the most hideous college tie in Oxford", Anthony Price said. Wouldn't he be recognizable from *Read All About It* and the book jackets? He seemed doubtful. Author of eight novels (he calls them thrillers rather than crime novels), stories of espionage and adventure, with two heroes, Dr David Audley and Colonel Jack Butler. They are rather loosely attached to the Ministry of Defence, together with a team of subsidiary characters who appear, sometimes narrate (though always in the third person), disappear for a book or so, and make welcome reappearances. He finds it is fun—as if some of the Hornblower stories were to have been told by Bush, or Brown the servant.

Anthony Price started out as a reviewer of crime stories. Since he had read history at Merton (and the tie isn't all that hideous) the editor of the *Oxford Mail* gave him *The Fellowship of the Ring* to review, on the ground that Tolkien was also a Merton man. This led to regular reviewing. "The editor said what would I like to do? I *wanted* to review military and ancient history, so I said how about science fiction? 'I've got a chap to do that called Alldiss, would you do crime?' So I got the history on condition I did the crime.

"Livia Gollancz wrote to me and asked if I'd do a history of detective stories, but I thought it would take up too much time, and I *knew* just enough to know how much reading and research I'd have to do. So I said I'd write a thriller for her. And she took it." It turned out to be *The Labyrinth Makers* (1970) which won him the Silver Dagger from the Crime Writers' Association, and it is based on a search *for the Schlieman Treasure, the gold of* Greece which disappeared from Berlin in 1945 and has never been found.

The *time factor is important*. He is a journalist, and has been for the past five years editor of the *Oxford Times*, a job he likes, in a place he loves. It is also a full time job. The secret of finding time, He says, "is having a very nice family—a highly supportive wife and understanding children—one boy in Germany reaching, one just going to Oxford, and a daughter still at school. There is never enough time. The paper has to be edited—the garden gets more than a bit overgrown, and the family does lose out a bit; one just has to try and make it up to them. I tend to get very uptight towards the end of a book, and lose my temper rather easily."

The books have areas of historical or specialist interest as a welcome addition to the intricate plots. *Our Man in Camelot* (1975) dealing with the machinations of the CIA is not set in Kennedy's Washington, but has to do with the site of the sixth-century battle at Badon, and whether or not King Arthur could be proved to be an historical figure. Needless to say, as Anthony Price is a master of the double (or even triple) cross, this aspect is only a small part, but, as in *Colonel Butler's Wolf* (1972) the background (Hadrian's Wall) is vital. As he says, "I am more interested in people than in events".

David Audley is the kind of upper-class Englishman who could unkindly be described as too clever by three-quarters, and is by no means liked by his close associate, the red-haired Colonel Butler, a man up from the ranks, and still with a series of chips on both shoulders. He has been in love with the Army and what it stands for since he was a small boy and saw his county regiment marching through the city with fixed bayonets and drums beating—the man nicknamed "The Thin Red Line" by his subordinates.

In *The '44 Vintage* (Gollancz, £4.50), reviewed by H. R. F. Keating last week, we go back to the day that Audley and Butler first met, when they were both 19-year-old soldiers, in 1944. Anthony Price is always curious about his characters. How is it that Colonel Butler has three small daughters and no wife? *The '44 Vintage* provides some clues, and the new one, as yet untitled, will provide more. Where do the characters come from?

"They are obviously, as you can see, not me! They are, perhaps, idealized people I might like to be, but still with some warts. Audley, for instance. He's married to a woman much younger than himself—I have a feeling that he's going to dye his hair. Butler is an old-fashioned military man, and a great admirer of William Faulkner's novels—like Faulkner, he is a believer in pride, truth, and honour. I met one officer when I was in the army doing my National Service in whom I thought I could recognize the qualities that would make people die for him—I know such men exist. I don't think I would be brave enough to do so, but I can understand how people did."

Anthony Price: the tie is not all that hideous.

This belief in the virtues of loyalty ("It's been called my obsession") and the business of duty was perhaps *reinforced* by the research he did on his book based on the 1914-18 War, *Other Paths to Glory* (Golden Dagger Award, 1974). "I came across a reference in one of Martin Gilbert's books to the mines that still exist in Messines Ridge, never blown up." Moreover, it was a splendid financial reason to visit the battlefields, where he found his father's name on a memorial at Vimy, which was more than odd, as his father did not die in the war. "I interviewed veterans of the war, and they were absolutely fascinating—like the old chap who defined leadership as, 'He made me braver than I was'. There were other things I don't care use, and others I can't use. That's the journalism part of research which is more fun than the sheer hard work of writing. I try to write one a year, but it's more like 14 months—publishers fortunately don't have the same view of deadlines as editors."

The shortage of time means that he has almost no recreations, apart from collecting castles (there's a splendid one in sand in *Our Man in Camelot*) and watercolours ("not very spectacular ones, the nice ones") and reading the novels of William Faulkner ("Colonel Butler likes them"). He has never thought of turning to writing full time—as he doesn't know where the novels come from, they might stop at any minute, and he wouldn't write again. It would be a pity; for from the crawling of the scalp, the lurch of the heart when you tread on a step that isn't there, you may tell the true thriller writer, of whom, as H. R. F. Keating once wrote, one may say "Oh, ingenious and lovely Price".

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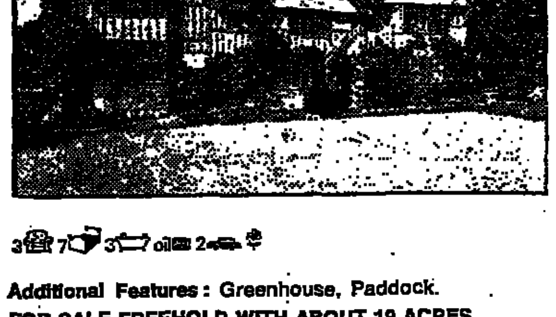

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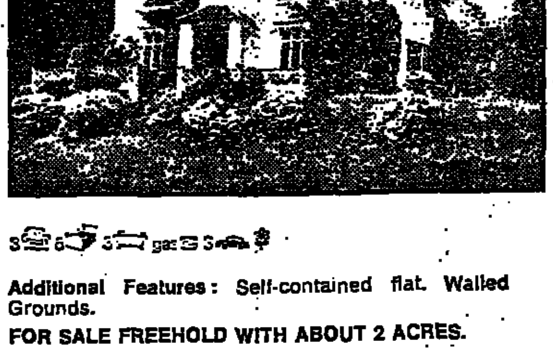

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THE ARTS

Going a little wild in Madras

After a somewhat intermittent history, India's international film festival—"Filmotsav"—has now become an annual, if vagrant, event. Since 1975 there have been festivals in Delhi, Bombay and Calcutta. This year it was the turn of Madras.

It would be hard to find a more suitable centre. Nowhere in the world is cinema and real life so inextricably entangled as in Tamil Nadu, as the former State of Madras has been renamed since 1968. For generations there has been a traditional identity of cinema and politics. It is often hard to tell if the vividly coloured hoardings, shimmering with sequins, are proclaiming a film star or a political candidate. The chances are it will be both.

Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister—and the Festival's main host—is also its greatest movie idol. Marudur Gopekan Ramechandran—invariably identified simply as MGR—is a figure of legend. He was born in Ceylon in 1915, and was taken as a child by his widowed mother to Kerala. Desperately poor, they drifted to Madras, where the teenage MGR began to get work in theatres and the film studios. His career took off in 1936 with a film called *Sathi Leelavathi*; and since then he has carefully built and sustained his heroic screen image, somewhere between Robin Hood and Douglas Fairbanks, as protector of the defenceless and unfortunate.

From the start the screen image spilled over into real life. MGR was always at the scene of any major catastrophe and his benefactions (such as giving bicycles to the Madras rickshaw boys) have earned him popular titles like "Jewel Among the People". Incorruptible, he is adored by the population; and his doorstep is permanently besieged by parents bringing new-born children to be named by MGR, which he obligingly does whenever he leaves his house.

MGR only ever knew one real rival in the dual spheres of his activity, but this star, Sivaji Ganeshan, long ago recognized defeat and withdrew from politics to devote himself to films.

Efforts to usurp him have only strengthened his singular position. The previous Chief Minister (a script writer) endeavoured to build his own son M. K. Muthu into a star in MGM's mould; but Muthu vanished after only three films. MGR went on to establish his own splinter party, Anna Dravida Munneura Kazhagam, which he skilfully promoted to dominance by a 1972 feature film, *Netru Indra Nalai*—he has never made any secret of the political purposes of his movies.

There was a grave moment in MGR's career in 1969, when he was shot at by a film comedian, M. R. Radha, in the course of a disagreement. MGR was badly injured in the throat and his voice has been permanently and severely affected. Characteristically, he personally pleaded for Radha's release from prison.

During the Madras Festival MGR celebrated his sixty-third birthday and the release of his latest (approximately his 150th) film. Such is the charisma, that his public find no inconsistency in his appearance as Prince Sundara Pandyan, "a sensitive and emotional youth". For his own part MGR, who still does all his own sword fights, told a more than usually audacious interviewer: "Why should I play character, or people my own age? That wouldn't be *acting*, would it—as it is when I play 25-year-olds?"

Apart from boasting this singular marriage of film and politics, Madras is India's largest producing centre: the four states of Southern India—Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kannada and Kerala—produce some 60 per cent of the country's annual feature film output. This is surprising to anyone aware only of the cultural domination of the Bombay-centred Hindi cinema.

The earlier Bombay and Delhi festivals have tended to emphasize this domination. perhaps for the first time in an international setting, Madras hinted at hitherto only suspected riches of the vast regional cinema. The regional film makers were present in force and very ready to attack the government film authorities—the FILM finance Corporation and the Indian Motion Picture Export Corporation—for bias towards Hindi cinema.

More important, a thirty-film Panorama of New Indian Cinema dramatically demonstrated that India has a rising generation of film makers of international calibre, equal to any country in the world. I shall deal with this new Indian cinema—the most exciting current development on the film horizon—in a separate article.

For foreign delegates this discovery of Indian cinema inevitably eclipsed the international section of Madras's festival, and in any event most of the seventy or so films from abroad have already been seen at other events. Even so, familiar films took on new aspects in the light of reactions of Indian audiences and critics, there was certainly no lack of enthusiasm. The rush for tickets for *Taxi Driver* turned into a riot in which cars were broken up and traffic halted for the best part of a night, and which was eventually only restrained by tear gas. Ten-rupee tickets changed hands for 200 rupees, and even then the purchasers were sometimes too timid to face the crowds to use them.

It must be admitted that the interest was not entirely cultural. Somehow or other—largely because any big-name film from the West is assumed to be sexy—word had got around that *Taxi Driver* was 'hot'. The Festival is among other things a change for the public to see things ordinarily forbidden by the traditionally conservative Indian censorship, which has just permitted the first on-screen kiss.

As it happened the Festival coincided with the announcement of new guidelines for the Censorship Board, to replace the narrowly framed old rules based on strictures laid down by the British Board of Film Censors half a century ago. Though much criticized, these new guidelines are intended to provide a degree of flexibility in face of rapid changes in social standards, alongside the growing influence of foreign films. The Ministry of Information emphasized that "there was no substantive change in the Government's approach towards the depiction of vulgarity, obscenity, lasciviousness, violence and the like". For all the reassurance, Mrs Munshi—India's counterpart of Mrs Mary Whitehouse and a veteran campaigner for an (even) cleaner cinema—expired on the very day the new guidelines were announced.

The film establishments are undoubtedly unnerved by the permissiveness of the Western films shown in the Festival. The president of the All India Film Producers' Council stormed back to Bombay fulminating against "the screening of sexy films like *The Last Tycoon* and *Chinese Roulette* (sic)". The public were clearly not of a mind with him, so that *Taxi Driver* was inevitably a disappointment: "Actingwise the film is a total disaster", concluded *The Daily Hindu*, "and the profane dialogue is a pain in the neck".

The Indian newspaper critics indicate clear lines of public taste. Indians like their films fast and funny. Woody Allen's *Love and Death* "bristles with fun and brain tripping ideology that has a quicksilver effect". Social subjects are in favour, and *Black Joy* was praised since "The rough deals and humiliations a black immigrant undergoes in London are truly reflected", though "the dialogue is lewd".

They go in a big way for sentiment. Fassbinder's *Fear Eats the Soul* was seen as "a beautiful parable of love" and *The Other Side of Midnight* as "a powerful drama"; though the fine Australian film *Caddie*, probably on account of its realistically downbeat ending, was condemned for "sloshy sentimentality".

The Indian audience is easily bored: any moment without talk or music or movement can quickly earn the bird from this otherwise indulgent public. Thus Krysztof Zanussi's *Camouflage* was "like listening to someone reading through a 400-page dry novel"; *Illustrious Corpses* "makes tardy progress"; and even *Voyage of the Damned* "unfolds at almost snail's pace, robbing, in the process, whatever interest it succeeds in generating". *The Trojan Women*, which opened a retrospective tribute to Michael Caccoyanni, fared even worse: the seats were torn out of the cinema and stones (with which Indian cinema patrons appear always to be plentifully forearmed) hurled at the screen. Indian festivals never lack for thrills.

One entirely new film shown in Madras's international selection deserves special commendation, since it is to be hoped that someone will be sensible enough to bring it to this country. The director, Sumitra Peries, is the wife and collaborator of Sri Lanka's most distinguished film maker Lester Peries. Her first film as director, *The Girls* is in the purest sense a film of sentiment, describing the growing-up of two schoolgirl sisters, and the disappointments to which they are condemned by their impoverished social background. One has an illegitimate child; the other is obliged to separate from the cousin she has loved from childhood, and who meekly submits to an economically suitable arranged marriage.

Spare and restrained, with shimmering black-and-white images, the film is a rarity, maybe unique, as a work of a wholly feminine sensibility—which is not at all the same as "a woman's film", in either of the senses of that term. Sumitra Peries is a new director to hail; and her film would seem a gift to British television but for the television companies' self-crippling reluctance to show black-and-white.

David Robinson

MGR—Jewel among the People

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A richly rewarding 'Hamlet'

Hamlet
Old Vic

Ned Chaillet

Prospect's *Hamlet* began life as an abbreviated version, but now, at three and a half hours, it is stretching out to its full length. It was only a few months ago that I praised this production for the unusual development of the relationship between Hamlet and Ophelia, dwelling almost entirely on the performances of Derek Jacobi and Suzanne Bertish. There is now a new Ophelia in the person of Jane Wymark and her subdued projection of passion gives another shape to Toby Robertson's production.

Using the Old Vic stage mainly in its bareness, with cloth battlements suggesting Elsinore Castle and the same cloth forming tapestried chambers, the emphasis is put on the actions and interactions of the actors. It is not only the speaking actors who figure strongly in the empty arena, but passing soldiers whose lingering gazes suggest how well they serve the king.

Mr Jacobi's Hamlet is given to extremes in the presence of watchers, and with all but a few members of court serving the king, he is almost always watched. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are the obvious tools in most productions, but in the performances of Michael Howarth and Philip York they take on added menace, becoming willing servants of totalitarianism and purposeful betrayers of Hamlet.

When Hamlet finally runs a dagger (not a rapier as Gertrude maintains) through Polonius behind a curtain, it is far from the first time he has prodded curtains in search of spies. When he drops to his knees in mockery or pain, he is giving a performance within his grief. His rapid changes of mood are predicated as much by his knowledge that everything he says is overheard, as by any assumption of the guise of madness.

In Barbara Jefford's Gertrude there is a distinct family resemblance to Hamlet's leaps of behaviour, with perhaps less motivation. She moves from hysteria to tears, to rational rigidity and sudden fear of her own son, assuming a definite attitude only when she wilfully drinks Hamlet's poisoned drink. With John Nettleton's good performances as Polonius and the First Gravedigger, Mr Jacobi's splendid Hamlet and Mr Robertson's completely coherent world, the production remains, on second viewing, richly rewarding.

Blake's Seven
BBC 1

Stanley Reynolds

In the trailer for this episode of *Blake's Seven* on BBC1, a rather tongue-in-cheek voice said we should see Blake and Jenna find "a deep frozen space crew". Perhaps the trailer was not being humorous about Terry Nation's latest television space fiction adventure. Perhaps they simply did not wish to spoil the viewers' fun when Jenna (Sally Knyvette) climbed into the cabin of a mysterious space craft, brushed the ice off, and cried: "This is a cryogenic capsule!"

She meant deep-frozen, but no one seemed to talk straight in last night's episode, number four of the 13-part series. The script was filled with amazing technical dialogue, and the effect was often verbal rather than visual, but it worked well. At one point the only action was the doors of a large spaceship opening to allow a small ship to enter. We have even seen real life pictures of that, but Mr Nation's script, full of terse commands, made it a cliff-hanger.

There is also much visual action in *Blake's Seven*. Last night, for example, while Jenna was fighting off the Findus fiends in the space craft, the deep-freeze men thawed in an hour and were fit to be tied. Blake, played by Gareth Thomas, teleported down to a planet and blew up a communications complex of the hated Federation. One should not give the impression that *Blake's Seven* is a jokey send-up. Terry Nation's new series is straight with real villains, and it is nice to hear the youngsters holding their breath in anticipation of a little terror. Television science fiction has got too self-consciously jokey lately. It is also nice to have each episode complete within itself, while still carrying on the saga of Blake's struggle against the 1984-ish Federation. But isn't that dark-haired telepathic alien girl, the latest addition to Blake's outer-space merry men, going to spell love trouble for blonde Jenna? Maid Marian never had that trouble in Sherwood Forest.

Les Burgraves
Round House

Irving Wardle

If a group like the 7.84 company got hold of *The Dynasts*, knocked the stuffing out of it and offered the result to Parisian spectators who had vaguely heard about the famous English writer, Hardy, you may get some idea of this version of Victor Hugo's trilogy as performed by the Théâtre des Quartiers d'Ivry.

Les Burgraves is a vast atonement drama, Gautier likened it to Aeschylus, set in a thirteenth-century Rhineland castle, and featuring the return of the Emperor Barbarossa to a country torn by baronial pillage; and, in particular, to the accursed castle inmates whose disguisings, midnight plots, poisonings, and revelations of long-hidden identity, all reflect a murder committed there long in the past. Further than that I shall not stick my neck out, even with the aid of three pages of dense plottery supplied by the management.

If that sounds confusing, imagine how Antoine Vitez clarifies matters by resetting the piece in the castle dungeon and casting it for five *prisoners* who proceed to act out Hugo's characters with the help of wigs, ragged draperies, and chunks of polystyrene. In a programme note, M Vitez describes the piece, and its language, as a sinister dream containing a secret which you forget as soon as you wake up. What is the secret? To that one can only echo Gertrude Stein's reply, "What is the question?"

One point at least comes through with the force of a battering ram: the director's contempt for what he calls "the stupidest language in the world: the alexandrine". I always understood that Hugo set out to bring the alexandrine closer to natural speech; but M Vitez's actors make it sound stiffer than Corneille, thumping out the rhythms, dropping on the rhymes like a ton of bricks and attitudinizing in deliberately grotesque parody of Comédie-Française heroics. Whether or not this amounts to a massacre of a great poem I cannot judge, but it has the effect of creating the very thing they are trying to destroy.

Also, it is extremely ugly; and in that respect wholly consistent with the rest of the show. The company move with a heavy, deliberate ungainliness dressed in costumes that they wear to the maximum disadvantage. When music is required, someone picks up a violin and literally tries to saw it in half. Erik Desmazières's set consists of a striking design, a huge shattered hand arising as if from an oubliette to grasp the top of a wall; but the effect is spoiled by the fact that it is executed in some sickly flesh-coloured plastic which makes you fear for the company's safety when they scramble over it and in and out of its apertures. Flanking this central image are two sets of wide wooden steps over which the actors clatter in clogs, sometimes on all fours.

Perhaps all this, in turn, amounts to a derisive comment on the polish and conspicuous physical skills one expects of French actors. If so, it would be good to see some alternative skills taking their place, and a chance to see more of them than the present uninterrupted murk permits.

BBC Singers/Poole
St John's

William Mann

That well known if not mythical person, Constant Reader (not necessarily related either to Lambert or to Ralph), should be aware how often our reviewers praise the early-evening concerts in Smith Square by the BBC Singers, now a busy and virtuoso group.

This season their series specializes in Richard Strauss's big unaccompanied choral works (would they could borrow their orchestra and do *Taillefer*, for which I long). Last night they gave us *Die Göttin im Putzzimmer*, composed in 1935 though not performed until 1952, a fairly extended piece to a text by Rückert set for eight-voice choir.

One of those foretime German choirs, all wobble and strain, would have made nonsense of Strauss's highly contrapuntal music for the boudoir in detailed disarray (Rückert's poem, like his more familiar "Kleine Haushalt", is a catalogue itemized in copious diminutives, natural in German, tiresomely twee in English), not to mention the fulsome harmonious chording when the divine inamorata enters her room and automatically creates order out of chaos.

The BBC Singers, under John Poole, lavished sumptuous, enthusiastic choral tone upon the piece. The first, busily contrapuntal section, needed a firmer bonding of soprano melodic line, the later homophony a keenly delineated bass underlay. Otherwise the performance was greatly enjoyable, a worthy part of an admirable series.

The programme also offered two French works for a dozen solo singers. Gilbert Amy's *Recitatif, Air et Variation* (1970) involves a variety of vocal techniques ranging from choral harmony to speech, all persuasively treated, especially the sustained singing on consonants, once thought impossible, until Flagstad in Wagner, and others in German song, demonstrated its stirring effect.

Amy's singers are asked to move about, during the performance as well as before and afterwards: it may help them, but not the audience. I liked best the ardent soaring of the sopranos, and an eloquent baritone solo, wished that the claves and maracas were more employed to justify their inclusion, and found the whole work less firmly focused than its model, Messiaen's *Cinq Rechants*, which was given an assured, stylish reading.

● Some of the reviews on this page appeared in later editions of yesterday's newspaper.

Football

Ponderous replay settled by Brady

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Arsenal 1 Manchester C 0

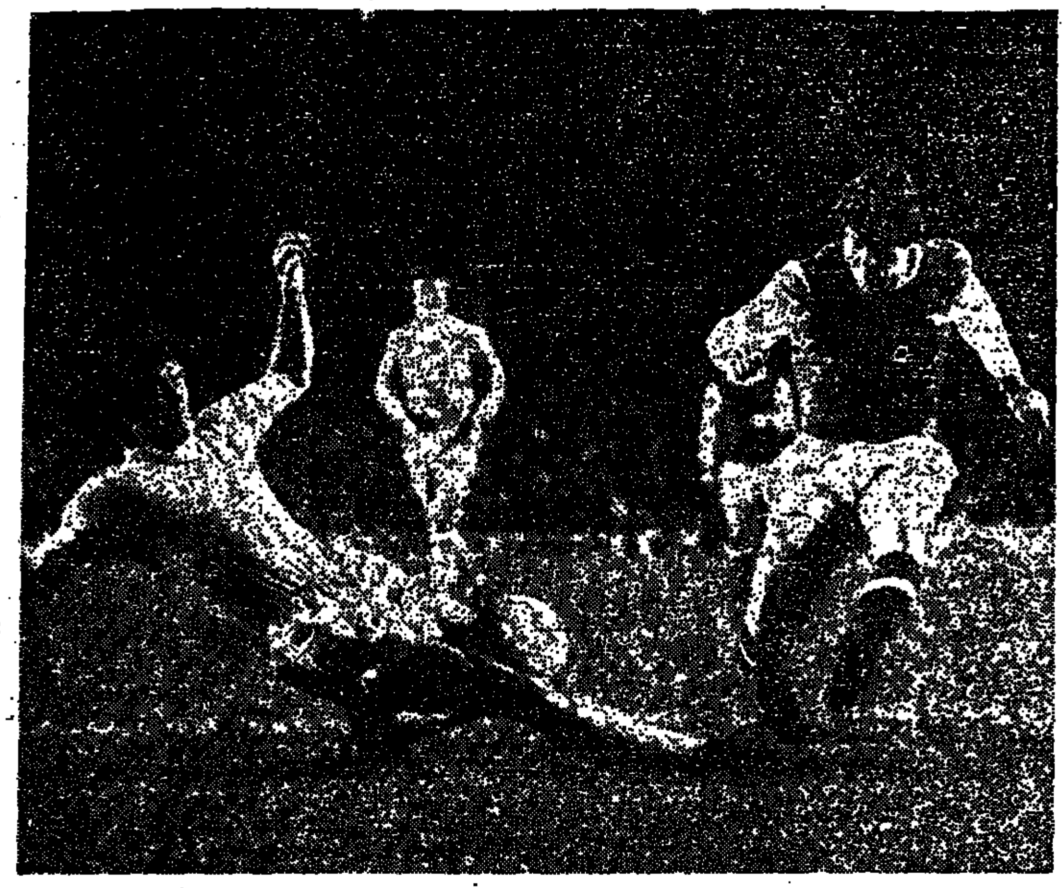
A penalty that left a nagging doubt allowed Arsenal to move uncertainly into the semi-final round of the Football League Cup at Highbury last night. Their reward is substantial, a two-legged meeting with Liverpool, but Manchester City may be justified in thinking that after dominating the first half of the replay and the second half of the original match last week, elimination by such means was unsatisfactory.

To Arsenal's credit, they emerged for the second half last night almost unrecognizable from the team which struggled in the first. The key to their improvement was the arrival of Hudson, who gave them a base on which to build. By contrast, City's replacement of Barnes with Channon had a hint of the desperation that encroached on them towards the end.

Whereas the first match at Maine Road had been constant in its excitement and contained a high degree of skill, this second meeting was ponderous. At times, notably for a period of 15 minutes in the first half, City attained comparable standards, but their finishing was erratic. Barnes, the scourge of the Arsenal defence before, was often nipped in the early stages of his attempts to break away along the wing, and Tueart was left to take on the Arsenal defence.

For the entire first half Arsenal had to accept second best in most departments, yet Macdonald received and rejected the two most inviting chances. Both fell on his right foot, which probably accounted for his failure first to beat Corrigan after two minutes when Nelson sent a pass through into penalty area, and half an hour later when he volleyed over the crossbar from Stapleton's equally attractive pass across the goalmouth.

Brady, the metronome of this redesigned Arsenal, again provided them with a good flow of passes that should have inspired better things at this stage, but it was only when Hudson replaced Matthews for the second half that some rhythm came into Arsenal's game. Hudson directed them from deep midfield, and with Price now regularly augmenting the attack, the City goal came under pressure.



Macdonald shoots past Watson's outstretched leg in last night's League Cup tie.

Jennings had saved Arsenal in the first match, but in the second it was Corrigan who drew thunderous appreciation from the crowd of nearly 58,000. Stapleton's shot was rising ominously towards the underside of the bar when Corrigan, cleverly placed, turned it away. Tueart reacted, grazing the Arsenal post at the end of a delightful move begun by Bell, but the second half was Arsenal's. They returned revived and with ideas. Even so, the goal that declared them the winners came from the penalty spot, and, viewed from some distance, seemed a shade fortunate.

Admittedly, Macdonald was in a strongly favourable position some 10 yards in front of goal in the seventy-fifth minute, as Rice's centre was helped along by Stapleton. Macdonald received it, and made a move at an angle across goal. Watson was on him from behind. There was a lunged attempt to whip the ball from Macdonald's feet, and in the process some contact. Macdonald fell and the referee firmly made his decision. Brady scored.

Manchester City's manager Tony Book was furious over the penalty decision which gave Arsenal their victory. He said: "There was no way that could be a penalty. Malcolm Macdonald tripped over Dave Watson's foot and the ref didn't blow his whistle until the ball had gone out of play."

Macdonald said: "I was tripped from behind and that's a penalty offence. Although I must admit I don't think I would have reached the ball."

Watson said: "It was a bad decision. I didn't trip him and I didn't think it should have been a penalty. We made contact in the box but you do with every challenge. It's sickening to think a decision like that costs you a possible Wembley chance."

ARSENAL: P. Jennings; P. Rice, S. Nelson, D. Price, D. O'Leary, W. Young, L. Brady, J. Matthews (sub, A. Hudson), M. Macdonald, F. Stapleton, G. Rix.

MANCHESTER CITY: J. Corrigan; K. Clements, W. Donachie, T. Booth, D. Watson, G. Owen, P. Barnes (sub, M. Channon), C. Bell, B. Kidd, A. Hartford, D. Tueart.

Referee: A. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth).

Why Wembley should look forward to the past

By Geoffrey Green

It was at a friendly gathering, a corroboree—not a press conference as such—at Wembley yesterday that mention was made of the proposed new national stadium at Alexandra Palace. Here is a new concept for a wide sports complex based on a 75,000 all-seated amphitheatre where it is proposed one day perhaps to house Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur Football Clubs.

It is an abhorrent thought. For a variety of reasons—the destruction of an open playground for children and animals, the disturbance of the local community, the throttling of traffic and the attendant threat of vandalism—but most of all the realization that it would mean the end of Wembley itself.

It would mean the finish of a myriad of nostalgic memories. Even to the foreigner the name of Wembley stands for something. Doubtless there are deficiencies in the od place for those who now expect and demand the height of luxury in a hundred different ways. That is the difference between today and yesterday. Yet who or where can ever replace that first Wembley FA Cup final in 1923 of the policeman on the white horse; of the Matthews final 30 years later; of England's World Cup win of 1966?

To digress, too, from football for a moment, there were the Olympic Games of 1948 with the immortal Zatopek and Fanny Blankers-Koen, the flying Dutch girl of so many medals—of the the British Empire Exhibition or the rodeo show at its start in 1923 and the romantic success story of Arthur Elvin, later knighted who ran a little tobacconist hole in the wall at that exhibition and later formed a company to buy and run the stadium itself.

Greyhound racing, professional tennis, ice shows, ice hockey, boxing and swimmin ghave also all been part of the place.

Wembley indeed, like Lord's and Wimbledon is close to the British sporting heart. Realizing that she cannot live on the past she has now lifted her skirts in the present permissive society and is refurbishing her underclothes.

After discussion with the GLC work is in progress in improving the stadium under the Safety of Sports Ground Act of 1975. Most of these requirements—including double the number of the present crash barriers on the terraces—will be ready before the Football League Cup final on March 18. Sadly, crowd control fencing is already in place but fortunately it can be dismantled and is not needed for schoolboy football or girls' hockey internationals.

If there is one sad omission so far it is the lack of a museum of sport. Wembley surely is a place for this, like Lord's and Wimbledon which already boasts its own archives. At present it remains merely a welcome idea. To give it reality what is needed is sponsorship.

But nearer the point is the survival of Wembley itself, refurbished or not, for those whose heart strings are still attached to the place. Who would throw all that rich past away for some new "Ally Pally"?

Irish players want Giles to be reinstated

The Republic of Ireland international football party yesterday called for the reinstatement of Johnny Giles as manager of the national team. Mr Giles resigned at the weekend because the FA of Ireland would not accept two names on his list of backroom men. Yesterday more than 20 Republic of Ireland international put their names to a statement, which said:

"Having had the fortune and honour to gain international recognition by our country, we can understand the frustration of John Giles, and his reasons for resignation. It was largely through the vision of John that the Republic of Ireland became a highly rated team in world footfall, let alone Europe. All of us have given him 100 per cent support, whether we have been selected or not by him for a particular match.

"It would be a farce if we were to revert to the system where officials, however well-intentioned, tried to do the manager's job. It would be tragic for Irish football if the one Irishman who is the envy of most countries were to be lost to his own."

Mr Giles, now player-manager of Shamrock Rovers, said at the weekend that he would not go back on his decision to resign.

Welsh Cup draw

The draw for the quarter-final round of the Welsh Cup to be played on or before February 11, is:

Swansea City or Newport v Bangor City; Chester or Wrexham v Merthyr Tydfil; Bridgend Town v Shrewsbury Town; Cardiff City v Kidderminster Harriers or Brymbo Steel Works.

Middlesbrough set to play Australian in FA Cup

Middlesbrough are ready to throw an unknown young Australian into their tough FA Cup tie against Everton on Saturday. Craig Johnston, a 17-year-old midfield player, is ready to play if McAndrew is suspended by an FA disciplinary committee on Friday.

Johnston, from Newcastle, New South Wales, was in hospital when Middlesbrough toured Australia three years ago. But, after watching them on television, he wrote for trials. Jack Charlton, the former manager, accepted him and Johnston travelled 12,000 miles in search of a career in British football.

John Neal, who left Wrexham last year to become Middlesbrough's manager, said: "Johnston has made excellent progress. I predicted a month ago that he would get his chance before the end of the season. If McAndrew is ruled out, I will have no fears about playing him." Johnston, not yet on the full-time professional staff, said: "I have been with the first-team squad to Liverpool and Manchester without yet making an appearance."

Darracott, a full back with Everton, is rated extremely doubtful for the match. On Monday he slipped outside an hotel in Jersey where Everton are preparing for the tie and has fractured two fingers. His hand has been put in a splint.

Wrexham face two cup ties in the next four days and their manager, Arfon Griffiths, rates today's Welsh Cup visit to Chester as far more important than Saturday's encounter with Newcastle United in the FA Cup.

"The Welsh Cup is our only passport to Europe", he said. "Even if we went on to win at Wembley, we would not be eligible for the Cup Winners' Cup. We like to go as far as possible in the FA Cup but it would not worry me if we went out this Saturday."

Ipswich Town expect to have Cooper, Burley, Viljoen and Woods back for their meeting with Hartlepool, a fourth division club who will not be going to Portman Road like lambs to the slaughter. "With a player like Eric McMordie leading the team there is no way we will go there with our heads down", their manager, Bill Horner, said.

The Hartlepool team cost a mere £10,000 and is currently 91st of the League's 92 clubs without an away win this season. They are still looking for their first win over a first division side after 70 years of optimistic attempts. If they are to succeed this time, they will have to silence Mariner.

Yesterday's results

League Cup, fifth round replay

Arsenal (0) 1 Man City (0) 0
Brady (pen) 57,748

Fourth division

Darlington (1) 1 Rochdale (0) 0
Cochrane 1,578

FA TROPHY: First round: Bangor City 1, Scarborough 1 (after extra time).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP: First round: Kingstonian 4 Worthing 5.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hornchurch 1, Ilford 2.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Banbury 1, Grantham 4.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: first division, north: Cambridge City 1, Kings Lynn 1.

RUGBY UNION: Bristol 33, Royal Navy 13. Schools: Cambridgeshire Under-19 3, St George's College, Buenos Aires 3; Reigate GS 10, South Australia 7.

RACKETS: Schools: Wellington College beat Eton, 15—13, 16—12, 6—15, 13—9, 8—15, 3—15, 15—9.

FA take no action against Mariner

Paul Mariner, Ipswich Town's England international striker, appeared before the FA disciplinary committee in London yesterday and left with his record unblemished.

Mariner, accompanied by his manager, Bobby Robson, was called before the committee to explain an incident during the home match against Everton on November 19. Mariner is understood to have made a gesture towards the crowd.

An FA spokesman said: "Mariner was merely called up for a chat and no action is being taken."

Tommy Cunningham, the Queen's Park Rangers midfield player, was given a two-match ban.

Alistair Robertson will miss West Bromwich Albion's FA Cup fourth round tie against Manchester United on Saturday, after receiving a two-match ban.

Robertson, like Cunningham, appeared following the collection of 20 points, and the spokesman said the committee had taken into account that his club were planning to take their own action against him. The maximum ban would have been three matches.

Draw for FA Vase

Draw for the fifth round of the FA Challenge aVse competition is:

Brigg Town or Blue Star v Prescot Town; Tadcaster Albion or Winterton Rangers v Frecheville Community or Curzon Ashton; Irthlingborough Diamonds or Racing Club Warwick v Oldbury United or Halesowen Town; Friar Lane OB v Buckingham Town or Haringey Borough; Kempston Rovers or Barton Rovers v Billericay Town; Almondsbury Greenway v Rainham Town; Hungerford Town v Farnborough Town or Alma Swanley; Burnham v Eastbourne United.

Matches to be played on February 11.

Cricket

West Indians just home before record crowd

Melbourne, Jan 24.—A six on the second last ball by Daniel before a record World Series Cricket crowd of 24,636 gave the West Indies XI a one-wicket victory over an Australian XI in a limited-over match here tonight.

Under a full moon and floodlights at just a few moments before midnight local time, Daniel hit a six off Malone to give his side a thrilling two-run win. It brought their total to 214 for nine after the Australian XI had put on 212 for nine in their 38 overs of batting.

The victory was even more exciting because with two overs to go the West Indies needed 25 runs with only Daniel and Garner, the tailenders, at the crease. The big crowd at the Victorian football league oval stayed to the end as the West Indian pair scored 16 runs off the Australian vice-captain, Greg Chappell, in the second last over to set the stage for Daniel's crucial blow.

After the game, a World Series spokesman, John Cornell, predicted more night matches next season and said that the organization had already discussed the prospect of holding five-day internationals under lights. "The crowds have shown they will accept professional cricket", he said.

Daniel was the hero, but the man who laid the basis of the West Indies innings was Allen, who came in with his side at 18 for one wicket and hit a brilliant 58 in 61 minutes. Bright was the most successful Australian bowler with four wickets at a cost of only 37 runs. In the Australian innings, Greg Chappell had the top score in the match with 68.

SCORES: Australian XI, 212 for 9 (38 overs) (G. Chappell 68); West Indian XI, 214 for 9 (37.7 overs) (J. Allen 58; Bright 4 for 37).—Reuter.

Rose compensated

Karachi, Pakistan, Jan 24.—Brian Rose was in a happier frame of mind when the England cricket team left today for New Zealand on the second leg of their Pakistan-New Zealand tour. Rose had his pocket picked at the National Stadium yesterday, but Pakistan's cricket officials gave him 1,800 rupees ($181) as compensation.—Reuter.

CHITTAGNG: Bangladesh 176 v Sri Lanka.

TCCB reject champion of champions tournament

An ambitious plan, worth £50,000, to sponsor a "champion of champions" tournament has been rejected by the Test and County Cricket Board, it was announced yesterday. The car company BMW, wanted to stage a limited-over competition between the winners of the Benson and Hedges and Gillette Cups, the John Player League and the Schweppes championships. It has been vetoed mainly because of objections from cricket's other big sponsors.

A statement from Lord's read: "The Board had considered a proposal put forward by BMW, but in view of the uncertainty regarding the likely success of the competition, particularly as runners-up in Board competitions had to compete in the event of a county winning more than one competition, the proposal was not supported by the counties.

"In reaching their decision the Board also took into consideration the strong opposing views expressed by some of the Board's other sponsors. Whilst it has been decided not to implement BMW's proposals in 1978, the Board very much hope that suitable opportunities will arise to enable BMW to become involved in cricket sponsorship in the future. The Board have also decided not to run a pre-season indoor competition between the first-class counties."

Tony Hille, the managing director of BMW in this country, said: "To say the least, I am mildly astonished that the TCCB has seen fit to turn down our offer of a £50,000 sponsorship for cricket, particularly as a special working party consisting of administrators and first-class cricketers recommended our proposals to the Board and made their own suggestions in writing to us about the ways in which the sponsorship could best be implemented.

The TCCB said later: "BMW's reaction of considerable disappointment is one that is fully appreciated by the board. The board have received in recent months a number of new sponsorship offers. The important thing is to consider the long-term interests of the game."

They added: "The net benefit fit to counties as a result of BMW's proposals would be only some £15,000 after all expenses, match fees, etc, had been paid."

Rugby Union

Scots make changes at forward but not back

By Richard Streeton

Scotland's rugby selectors have made three changes among the forwards, the least criticized area in the team, for the visit of France to Murrayfield on February 4. The back division, surprisingly, has been left alone except that the selectors have bowed the knee on the subject of Irvine's attacking gifts being wasted on the right wing. Irvine returns to full back and Hay moves up to take his place.

Carmichael, who won his fiftieth cap in the match narrowly won by Ireland last weekend, and Madsen are dropped from the front row and Macdonald loses the No 8 position. Two more members of the Hawick pack, making four in all, are brought into the side. Norman Pender, who will be 30 three days before the match, comes in at tight head prop and Colin Deans wins his first cap as hooker. The third change sees George Mackie (Highland) return in the back row. Mackie won caps against Australia, France and Wales in 1975 and 1976.

Deans, aged 22, is an electrical engineer and represents a positive attempt by the selectors to build for the years ahead. He has had four seasons with Hawick; played in a B international with France last year; and had a fine game for the senior side in the Scottish trial. He and Madsen split the strikes against the head 6—5 in the trial and his sharpness and superior mobility in the loose made it only a matter of time before he was capped

Once the selectors decided that Pender should supplement Carmichael, there was a good case for picking Deans as well. Pender was originally given his chance against Ireland last year but went off with damaged ribs after 15 minutes. Carmichael was his replacement and the veteran retained his place. Carmichael, in fact, showed no obvious shortcomings in Dublin, though Pender could contribute a shade more, perhaps, in the lineout.

If Scotland's front row performed soundly in Dublin, there were weaknesses elsewhere in the pack. Macdonald fared badly at the back of the lineout and Mackie's all-round soundness should be an improvement against the strong French forwards. Another alternative would have been to move McHarg to No 8 and bring in one of several young lock forwards who are candidates for the future.

France are hardly the opponents that any selectors would choose for blooding too many newcomers and this has presumably been a factor in the decision not to experiment behind the scrummage.

TEAM: A. R. V. Irvine (Heriot's FP); B. H. Hay (Boroughmuir), J. M. Renwick (Hawick), I. R. McGeechan (Headingley), D. Shedden (West of Scotland); R. Wilson (London Scottish), D. W. Morgan (Stewart's Melville FP, captain); J. McLaughlan (Jordanhill), C. T. Deans (Hawick), N. E. K. Pender (Hawick), A. J. Tomes (Hawick), A. F. McHarg (London Scottish), M. A. Biggar (London Scottish), G. Y. Mackie (Highland), C. B. Hegarty (Hawick). Replacements: C. J. Hogg (Boroughmuir), A. G. Cranston (Hawick), R. J. Laidlaw (Jedforest), D. F. Madsen (Gosforth), A. B. Carmichael (West of Scotland), D. S. M. Macdonald (West of Scotland).

Everything ship shape in Bristol fashion

By Alan Gibson

Bristol 33 Royal Navy 13

There had been so much rain in the west that it seemed doubtful whether the match would be played, especially with Bristol anxious for a good surface to the ground for their John Player Cup match against Falmouth on Saturday. But yesterday proved relatively dry, so they went ahead, the Navy arriving in good order with time to spare (they have had some travelling misadventures within my experience of recent years).

We had a good, lively contest won by Bristol, by a penalty goal, three tries, and three goals, to a penalty goal, a try, and a goal. After four minutes, the Navy, looking full of beans as the Services champions should, took the lead with a long penalty by Piercy. A couple of minutes later, and Bristol were level, with a straightforward penalty, foolishly given away, kicked by Cue.

Bristol soon recovered from their early surprise, and began to produce passing movements too fast and imaginative for the Navy whose current style is cast in the Jellicoe rather than the Mountbatten mood. Cue scored a try and converted it. Kelly scored one, after some Naval tackling which Nelson would have only thought adequate for men with one arm.

Carter then scored a try for Bristol, after a move to the left in the classical style, initiated by a long and thoughtful pass from the admirable Pearn. Bristol might have scored on three or four other occasions, in the next few minutes, but the defence grew sounder, if not Nelsonian, at least like Calder holding the Channel, and a couple of fast frigates. Jones and English broke away briefly on the counterattack.

But Bristol led 17 to 3 at half-time, and with no wind or rain, though it was a cold evening, there did not seem very much to deprive them of a comfortable victory. Early in the second half, they scored again, Sorrell converting his own try. English had to leave the field because of injury, and was replaced by Paul Lea. Infuriatingly, I did not know this man's ship or status, but going strictly by his performance I have decided to give him the temporary acting rank of admiral. The admiral soon scored an excellent try, which meant that the Navy had scored seven points to Bristol's 23. The Navy were playing hard and well at this stage, about three quarters of the way through, Bristol perhaps relaxing prematurely.

Bristol pulled themselves together, their captain, Plummer, scoring their last two tries, the second of them converted by Pearn. But the Navy fired the last broadside of all, in a fine attack, nearly everyone joining in at some point, Webb scoring and Piercy kicking the goal.

BRISTOL: P. Cue; K. Plummer, J. Kelly, N. Hunt, R. Carter; D. Sorrell, A. Pearn; P. Lloyd, J. Tucker, R. Speed, N. Gaymond, N. Williams, P. Polledri, S. Woolley, M. Baker.

ROYAL NAVY: PO/PT P. Piercy (HMS Daedalus); PO A. Hamlett (HMS Collingwood), Lt Commander A. Jones (HMS Sultan), Sub-Lieut D. Vaughan (HMS Apollo), Lt G. English (HMS Thunderer), sub P. Lea; Lt K. Martin (HMS Royal Arthur), PO C. Yonge (HMS Defiant); LPT W. Davies (HMS Drake), Lt P. Norrington-Davies (Greenwich College), PO C. Webb (HMS Osprey), CPO M. Lane (HMS Daedalus), Sub Lt M. Pearce (HMS Pembroke), CPO P. Dunn (HMS Heron), Lt L. Merrick (HMS Pembroke), Lt R. Hughes (Royal Marines, 41 Commando).

Referee Mr R. Mayo (Gloucestershire).

Laws (Charing Cross) clears the ball from the scrum in yesterday's Hospitals' Cup mat against Guys.

Miller ends Middlesex's interest

By Gordon Allan

St Bartholomew's 25 Middlesex 0

St Bartholomew's, the holders, reached the semi-final round of the Hospital's Cup rugby competition when they beat Middlesex at Cobham yesterday by a goal, a dropped goal and four tries to nothing. Four of their tries were scored by Miller on the left wing.

St Bartholomew's, with most of last year's side on parade again, won easily enough but they did not start playing anything like potential cup winners, never mind cup holders, until just before half time. Their greater physical strength alone should have produced results by then, but Middlesex, playing down wind, kept them out somehow and were still in the game at the interval, when the score was 7—0.

Turner, the Middlesex captain, had to go off with concussion after a quarter of an hour. Miller scored the first of his tries on the half hour. Williams made the running and from a maul near the posts Milford and Frame worked the ball out to Miller. Then, in rapid succession, as if to compensate for much indeterminate play that had gone before, Delfosse missed a penalty for Middlesex, Frame dropped a goal from a scrummage in front of the posts, and Milford lost the ball as he went over the line.

St Bartholomew's spent most of the second half going forward. Their extra skill at the rucks and mauls began to make itself felt. Gough scored when he picked the ball up at a scrummage near the line, and Miller got his second try. 10 minutes before the end, when Middlesex's passing movement broke down and Court and Rees stepped in. Frame converted Miller's try. Rees had come on at half-time for Wright, who inju his head.

Middlesex were doing little defend by now, and Miller sco two more tries when they tried run the ball and failed. Go was concerned in the first Frame in the second.

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S: L. Appleby Bonn, D. Boyle, S. Williams, R. Mi J. Frame, C. Milford, J. Beynon, Court, A. Evans, A. Fitzpatrick, Scott, S. Kaye, P. Gough, I. Wr (sub, J. Rees).

MIDDLESEX: J. Delfosse, W. Hur S. Payne, S. Turner (sub, A. Most T. Steele, D. Jones, C. Lamden, Anderson, D. Vaughan, C. Davidsor Jones, N. Spry, C. Bevan, N. Sta N. Dansie.

Referee: R. Howard (London).

In a first round replay Chislehurst, Guy's beat Cha Cross 16—0. The winners of match between Guy's and Lon will meet St Bartholomew's in semi final round at Richmond February 7.

Greenhalgh inspires rampant St Mary's

By Nicholas Keith

St Mary's 44 Royal Free 6

St Mary's will be a powerful proposition in the Hospitals' Cup again this season. They were runners-up last year and they had a comfortable victory over Royal Free in the second round at Cobham yesterday by three goals, five tries and two penalty goals, to two penalties.

A measure of St Mary's strength is that in the previous round Royal Free had scored over 50 points. St Mary's have a sound base in their robust pack for an excellent set of backs—who include Alun Lewis, of London Welsh and the British Lions, at scrum half, and Alastair McKibbin, an Ireland centre.

However, the outstanding St Mary's player yesterday was Greenhalgh, the other centre, who scored two tries, kicked three conversions, and landed two penalties. He also made a try for his captain, Meredith, but missed six conversion attempts.

Royal Free were physically and tactically lightweight. This was best shown when they had a five-metre scrummage in the second half under St Mary's posts; but they withdrew men from the pack; the scrummage was disorganized, and they had only an ineffectual attempt at a drop goal by McLaren to show for a rare moment of pressure.

McLaren had been Royal Free's dominant figure in the first round when he scored 20 points. He kicked both penalties yester but missed with three others, that it mattered much in the Royal Free trailed 6—20 at time, and only stout tackling Chan, a flanker, and two pi of generosity by St Mary's glaring overlaps kept the s below the 50 mark. Bes Greenhalgh, St Mary's try-sco were Lacey, Lewis, Hic Young and Meredith (2).

ST MARY'S: M. Meredith (c M. Lacey, A. McKibbin, M. Gr halgh, J. Sidery; R. Young, A. Le A. Moir, E. Lewis, N. Enevold J. Mountjoy, P. Jackson, M. Ellis Moir, M. Hickey.

ROYAL FREE: W. Ribbans; Jackson, M. McLaren, D. Yellow J. Evans; D. Parson, W. McFad C. Todd, S. Szekely, M. Fox, Doble, S. Robertson, J. Walil (capt), D. Moore, O. Chan.

Referee: G. Crawford.

RFU eager for decision on All Blacks

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

The committee of the four home rugby unions have proposed that when the All Blacks tour next autumn, seven of their games should be played in England, six in Wales (including the last traditional fixture against the Barbarians), three in Ireland and two in Scotland. This would involve an overall programme of 18 instead of 16 matches, and a brief overlap with the short tour of Argentina, who are expected to play six games in England and two in Ireland and/or Wales.

This is the height of the holiday season on the other side of the world, and the New Zealand Rugby Council still have to endorse the recommendations at their next meeting early in February. A decision, certainly so far as the RFU are concerned, cannot come too quickly because England's fixture planners have a lot of thinking to do.

The new system of inter-regional and inter-divisional games, and completion of the county championship by the turn of the year, have upset a number of leading clubs who play their county rugby on Saturdays and are thus bereft of leading players for weeks on end. There seems no possible way in which this arrangement could be superimposed next season on the itineraries of the two touring sides, and it would make sense to use most of the games against Argentina and the All Blacks as trials in themselves.

If such an approach were agreed then Argentina could find themselves matched against the four divisions, with an international against England, probably in mid-October, and with a sixth game against the combined forces of Oxbridge (both universities having toured Argentina in the past). Suggestions that Argentina might play regions, rather than divisions, may be resisted on the grounds that they would expect, and deserve, the stronger opposition.

Whether the All Blacks play all of the four English divisions remains to be seen. I believe there is pressure in Metropolitan parts for a continuation of the traditional fixture against London Counties. All the divisional sides in December were confined to players with English qualifications. A London Counties XV, embracing exiled players from the other home countries, would be stronger but also less to the liking of England's selectors.

There is bound to be a queue of applicants for the extra games, and it would be good to see the English Students XV getting one of them—particularly if Oxbridge play the Argentine. There is a case, too, for pitting the All Blacks against the club which wins the John Player Cup in April.

On their tour here, in 1974, Andy Leslie's All Blacks achieved the remarkable feat of beating Ireland and a full strength Wales XV, and of drawing with the Barbarians, in the space of eight days. It is understood that are not minded to subject th selves to that sort of pres again (and who can blame them It is therefore on the cards the four internationals will played at respectable interval

The committee of the RFU its next meeting on Friday w is expected to endorse the desp of an 80-item questionnaire to clubs in membership. It wil understand, be more of a cer than a referendum, seeking f rather than opinions. A comp may be needed to digest answers.

One likely thing is that ans on debatable issues such as co rugby, divisional matches, knockout competition and le football (whether to introduc or not), would produce no c opinion. Parochial attitudes, always unjustified, are inevita What suits one area is anath to another. But, at the end o all, it still will remain with RFU to decide what is best the game as a whole, and to m the decisions. I hope the imp in decision-making has not b lost since the year of Di Jeeps's presidency.

It so happens that the ad of Argentina and New Zeal next season may help to ame ate the problems brought al by the introduction of a new system and the contraction of county championship. How the leading clubs will want know soon what the Union tends to do about those probl in future seasons.

Moseley could thwart the holders

By Richard Streeton

This winter's John Player Cup for rugby gets under way properly this Saturday with sponsorship increased to £50,000 and the remaining 14 first-round ties being completed. Wasps and Coventry have already reached the second round and Gosforth, the holders, will be trying to win the competition for the third successive season.

One of the few teams to thwart Gosforth could be Moseley, who are at home to Blackheath in their opening match. Moseley continue to juggle the crucial stand-off position between Cooper, the England reject, and Cusworth, whose skilful running has put him in line for future international honours. Cooper has been chosen this time, Meanwell plays at full back and Cusworth is left on the replacements' bench. Blackheath hope to be unchanged for the first time this winter, but there is a doubt about Kirk, their hooker, who has influenza.

Gosforth start with a hard match at Morley, who beat them in the first round of the 1972 competition. Gosforth defer choosing a side because of various injuries. Dixon, the England flanker, will definitely miss the match, but Young and Madsen return after last weekend's international games. Morley the Yorkshire Cup holders, have omitted Mills, the county stand-off, and his place goes to Shepherd, who moves from centre.

The lesser-known clubs invariably attract attention, but there seems little chance this year for progress by junior sides. High Wycombe visit Rosslyn Park, who will have Anderson, their New Zealand back row forward, making his last appearance for them. Anderson after three seasons at Roehampton, leaves for a South African university next week. Rosslyn Park will not select their team until Friday.

High Wycombe, the Buckinghamshire champions, are playing in the competition for the first time. They were founded in 1927 by the old boys of the Royal Grammar School in the town. The club was originally known as the Old Wycombiensians, but went open after the last war. Among their players who went on to play for Wasps and their countries were Clive Ashby, Ron Syrett and Ted Woodward (England) and Hamish Keith (Scotland). High Wycombe field nine senior teams and are planning a tour to the United States at Easter. They will field seven county players against Rosslyn Park including Stanley Pearman, a No 8, who has been with the club 20 years and played over 600 games for them.

John O'Driscoll, who had to go off with concussion when he won his first cap for Ireland last weekend, has reported fit to play for London Irish at Esher. Kennedy, the London Irish hooker and captain, has recovered from influenza and leads a full strength side. Esher, the Surrey Cup winners for the past two winters, have named two teenaged players. Mark Jones, 18, a former London and Surrey Schools captain, is at centre and John Carrick-Smith, 19, who played for Devon's junior s at lock.

Harlequins are away to Un Services, Portsmouth, and re the team which beat Birkenh Park. David Cooke, the cap remains unavailable because hamstring trouble. Northamp will have to work hard at Wals who include Webster, a for England scrum half. Steve K a Welsh trials player, at fla and Hamilton Jones, who Llanelli's full back against the Springboks. Northampton hav doubt about Johnson, their hoo who has a back complaint.

Burton strengthens Gloucest front row for their home g with Lydney, and Howell contin to keep Kingston, a former E land player, from the scrum l position. Lydney have not wor Kingsholm for eight years, will be without Parsons, the E land divisional trial flanker, Exeter. Parsons has gone hospital to check whether be glandual fever.

Saracens will have Riddle, t No 8, back in the side London Welsh after several fur team games getting fit after inj ing a shoulder in October.

Bond, te Broughton Park Lancashire centre, who rece turned down an £8,000 offer join Salford Rugby League has joined Sale and makes first appearance in the tie Liverpool. Bond, an Engl under-23 player, has swit clubs because he felt Sa stronger fixture list would h enhance his representative cla

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acing

Decent Fellow's chance to prove himself more than a pretender

r Michael Phillips
acing Correspondent

With the blessing of the weather Northern meeting will stage the ist valuable racing in this untry again next Saturday for e third week in a row. A fortght ago it was Newcastle who ole the limelight and last weekd the cameras were all focused Haydock Park. This Saturday will be the turn of Doncaster dominate racing's stage. Frost s forced the abandonment of s particular meeting for the it two years, but it is to be ped that the gods will look upon n a more kindly light this time ause there is plenty to get ited about.

To race should get the pulse ing more than the Yorkshire rdle, which has been sponsored the William Hill Organization in. It matters not that there l be only three runners as any- who saw the William Hill istmas Hurdle at Kempton k on Boxing Day would testify. en the three in question are the calibre of Night Nurse, ds Nest and Decent Fellow the : of the field is immaterial.

n fact, Beacon Light was ther acceptor at the four-day elr stage yesterday, but he is likely to run. His trainer, Bob nell, has simply taken the pretion of having a substitute in anything should go wrong Birds Nest. It has always been intention to run Birds Nest the race which should be most ghtening because when one s to think about the Cham- Hurdle there are three ques- is badly in need of answers. they concern the three parants on Saturday.

fter four successive defeats—he fell on his last appearance—people are naturally wondering whether Night Nurse is still the undisputed force that he was once. Regardless of whether he is or is not, others are beginning to ask whether this could be the year when Birds Nest is finally going to get his head in front at Cheltenham on the day that matters most.

Saturday will be the seventh time that Night Nurse and Birds Nest have clashed. At present the score between these old rivals is three-all. Whatever the outcome, the race should tell us whether or not Decent Fellow has a genuine claim to Night Nurse's crown or whether he is merely a pretender to the throne.

Birds Nest and Decent Fellow will both have their regular riders aboard on Saturday, but not so Night Nurse. John O'Neill who is well on the way to becoming the next champion jockey, will ride Night Nurse for the first time in a race because Night Nurse's regular partner, Paddy Broderick, is still convalescing from the after effects of the heavy fall that he had on Boxing Day when the champion hurdler fell for the first and only time in his career. However, O'Neill has ridden Night Nurse in a practice spin over hurdles at home recently.

I think that Birds Nest will win on Saturday provided that they go at a reasonable pace. And so do Hills judging by the way that they are betting on their race. Yesterday their prices were: 5-4 Bird's Nest, 2-1 Night Nurse and 5-2 Decent Fellow.

Hills are also sponsoring the £6,000 Yorkshire steeplechase on Saturday and they opened an ante-post book on that race too yesterday.

Their prices are: 11-4 Uncle Bing, 7-2 Royal Marshal II, 6-1 Set Point, Lucius, 7-1 Zongalero, 9-1 Cancello, April Seventh and 10-1 bar those six. Uncle Bing, April Seventh and Set Point have all been entered for the Grand National, for which the weights will be published today.

Denied what appeared to be a golden opportunity of winning at Warwick on Saturday when the meeting there was abandoned, Ramblix (2.45) looks poised to pick up a consolation prize at Folkestone today. Judged by the way that he ran against Shelahnu and Pinchow at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, Ramblix should be a good bet to win the Robertsbridge Handicap Hurdle. Shelahnu and Pinchow have both underlined the reliability of that form in the meantime by winning in Rome and at Newbury, respectively.

New appointment

The Marquis of Waterford has been elected senior steward of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechasing Committee in succession to Mr T. C. Vigors. Lord Hemphill is a new steward.

Record prize money

Prize money at Newmarket for 1978 is a record £860,000, an increase of £226,000 on last year. The Levy Board provides £524,000 of the total, increasing its contribution by £140,000.

STATE OF GOING (official): Folkestone: Good to soft. Carlisle: Soft. Tomorrow: Huntingdon: Good to soft. Taunton: Soft.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Schweppes Gold Trophy Handicap Hurdle, Newbury: Delight, Hipparion, Gilt Pass and Prominent King. All engagements: Skilros (dead).

Abo takes the last fence to win the Lowesmoor Steeplechase

Fighting Taffy shows his juniors the way home

Fighting Taffy, the oldest in the field and the only one that Pat Upton, a permit holder, now has in training, beat 19 rivals in the Astwood Handicap Hurdle at Worcester yesterday. Backers shrewdly made him 9-2 favourite in this big field and after catching the pace-maker, Brantridge Farmer, three out Fighting Taffy turned it into a procession, romping in eight lengths ahead of Court Melody.

Fighting Taffy, who cost Upton 720 guineas as a three-year-old, has won 11 races for the Wantage farmer worth over £11,000. The 11-year-old, who clearly retains plenty of speed, will stick to hurdling. Upton said: "He jumps fences, but unfortunately only in his own time. He loves this wet slushy ground much more than the gluey holding stuff."

Marks Boy who, advanced from the rear approaching the last half mile and finished a respectable sixth landed his trainer, Doctor Arthur Jones and jockey Peter Steel before the stewards. They asked Doctor Jones if he was satisfied with Steel's riding and he told that, although his orders were to drop the horse out, he thought Steel had lain too far out of his ground. Steel told them that the horse had always run his races in this way and the explanations were noted.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's Isle of Man failed at 9 to 4 on in the Lowesmoor Handicap Steeplechase. He was overtaken on the home turn by a 20 to 1 chance, Hilarity, then Abo, after looking right out of it, got his second wind, started to improve, and finally jumped ahead at the last to sprint 10 lengths clear.

Stan Mellor said after this display of stamina by Abo, that he would try to keep him to heavy ground and see if he could get a longer trip.

The former Ryan Price-trained Jer, who seems to have recovered his zest, brought Bill Clay a change of luck in the Abberley Handicap steeple chase. Jer got the better of a long battle with the favouriae Star Dyker at the last and forged six lengths ahead on the run-in.

Clay thought he was due for this after three strokes of bad luck yesterday when his claiming jockey, Mark Elliott, broke a leg, one of his horse boxes broke down, and Feel Free went on a fruitless trip to Fontwell Park.

Tennis

Tanner shows a rare aptitude for passing shots in putting Ball away

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Philadelphia, Jan 24

Dennis Ralston, who reached the 1966 Wimbledon final and later captained the United States Davis Cup team and became a widely respected critic of playing methods, is to manage four Americans on their European tour next summer.

The players are: Brian Gottfried, Stan Smith, Richard Stockton and Roscoe Tanner. It has become fashionable for the top men—Bjorn Borg, Jimmy Connors and Guillermo Vilas are notable examples—to travel about with their advisers. As Tanner pointed out today, the players are not of much help to one another but can benefit from the detached expertise of men who have travelled the same road in the past.

Tanner today beat Sydney Ball, who celebrated its 28th birthday by filling a gap in the draw, by 6—2, 7—5 in the first round of the United States indoor championships. Ball is a well built athletic chap who at one time seemed likely to emerge as a formidable player in the forceful familiar Australian style. But he failed to break through to the front rank. Today he served and volleyed better in the second set than he had done in the first. But Tanner finished him off just as Ball seemed to be threatening to make a tough match of it. Tanner is not renowned for his ground strokes but on this occasion he often foxed Ball with confident passing shots.

Dennis Ralston: will manage four top Americans.

The odd thing about today's first two matches was that, on adjacent courts, they featured two Americans—Tanner and Vitas Gerulaitis—who won the Australian championship at the beginning and end of last year. Gerulaitis today won 6—2, 6—0 against Michael Fishbach, of New York, who caused a stir at Forest Hills last September by disposing of Billy Martin and Smith with the help of the now banned "spaghetti" racket.

Fishback hit the ball two-fisted on both flanks and, even with a conventional racket is an unusual player. He goes in for subtleties commonly associated with the slow clay courts of Europe. Today he had two problems. One was the fact that his ball control could not bear the strain his imaginative thinking imposed on it. The other was the quality of the opposition. Gerulaitis was admirably quick, sharp and consistent. He contained Fishbach with such unwaivering assurance that from 0—2 down, Gerulaitis won 12 consecutive games for the match.

Stockton and Corrado Barazzutti, seeded ninth and eleventh, were beaten yesterday. Stockton, who defeated Connors in last year's final and served for yesterday's match at 6—5 in the second set, was beaten 3—6, 7—6, 6—4 by Tim Gullikson, of Wisconsin. Gullikson leapt to prominence last year—and suddenly acquired a heartening degree of self-confidence—by reaching the final at Nottingham. Since then he has given himself a chance against anyone. Yesterday he returned service particularly well and Stockton was additionally disconcerted by two slightly controversial decisions: one in the second set, the other in the third.

Barazzutti was beaten 6—3, 6—7, 6—1 by Peter Fleming, of New Jersey. Fleming should have won sooner because he was serving at 5—4 and 30—0 in the second set. But inner tensions repeatedly induced him to double fault. This seemed a difficult thing to do because Fleming rises 6ft 5in off the floor without even lifting his racket arm. In the third set he was soon so far ahead that the match was over before he had time to start worrying again.

Charity meeting organized for the Blind

Michael Phillips

was announced yesterday that harity race meeting is to be ed at Newbury on Saturday, ch 4, in aid of the Greater don Fund for the Blind and Berkshire County Blind ety. Prize money totalling 250 has been guaranteed by ponsors—Morgan Grenfell and Clarke and Smith Industries; Cowan Ltd., Philip Cornes Co.; Amoco (UK) Ltd. and Arkell and Sons.

e most valuable race will be Saddle of Gold Hurdle final, t was on the corresponding last year. Qualifying events that final have been run ughout the country since the nning of October. The other races will be the Geoffrey Gilbey Memorial Steeplechase which is being sponsored by Morgan Grenfell; the Clark and Smith Handicap Hurdle; the Sam Cowan Novices Steeplechase; the Amoco Novices Hurdle, and the Arkell Brewery Hunters Steeplechase.

Each winning jockey will receive a special prize and an award will also be made to the boy or girl in charge of the best turned out horse in every race. Chairman of the committee responsible for organizing this day is Mrs Adrian White, a daughter of Lord Howard de Walden, the senior steward of the Jockey Club. Mrs White shares her father's interest in racing and has a steeplechaser, Tom Bombadil in training with Tim Forster.

Tickets are already on sale for a grand draw that will be made that day to support this worthy cause. The first of more than 100 prizes will be a cruise for two on the QE 2 to Madeira or Tenerife.

A ball will be held at Beenham House near Newbury on the night before the race meeting when all the money raised will go to the two charities. There are more than 1,600 civilian blind people in the Greater London area alone and the Greater London Fund for the Blind channels voluntary financial support to agencies which cater for their needs.

The net proceeds of the Greater London Fund's appeal are dispersed to the member societies each quarter and to date the fund has distributed over £4½m for the needs of blind and partially sighted people.

Motor racing

Millionaire saves S African Grand Prix

Johannesburg, Jan 24.—The South African Grand Prix, third in the world motor racing championship series, will be held this year after indications in recent days that it would not be sponsored this year. The announcement that the event is now on at the Kyalami Circuit near Johannesburg, was made here after a meeting on Monday night between the organizers of the event, the South African Motor Racing Club (SAMROC), and the sponsor, Louis Luyt, the South African fertiliser millionaire.

"Mr Luyt, who has sponsored the race under the banner of his newspaper, The Citizen for the past two years, teamed up with another sponsor to save the race—South Africa's leading motor racing event—at the eleventh hour," Francis Tucker, chairman of the Motor Racing Club, said.

He said Mr Luyt, and the other sponsor, whose identity would be revealed later, had guaranteed a total of $402,500 United States to ensure the race took place. "The loss of the Grand Prix would have been disastrous to South African motor sport, and would have meant a loss of prestige for our country. We can only express our deepest gratitude to Mr Luyt and the other sponsor having saved a major world event." Mr Tucker said.

The announcement banishes earlier fears here that the race—the only leading international sporting event in which South Africa still participates—might have been called off after a recent announcement by Mr Luyt that unless there were also other sponsors, he would withdraw his $230,000 donation to the event.—Agence France-Presse.

Lloyds dispose of 16 mares for 61,700 gns

Don McCain, Red Rum's trainer, purchased Jetador, a mare in foal to Some Hand, for 3,400 guineas at Ascot Sales yesterday. He said: "She's for an Isle of Man owner and will be going to the Limestone stud in Lincolnshire to foal." McCain, who has Ron Barry alerted in case Stack cannot ride Red Rum at Aintree, hopes Red Rum will be allotted 11st 10lb at the most when the Grand National weights are published today.

Jetador was one of a consignment of 16 brood mares offered without reserve by Lloyds underwriters. They had originally been purchased by the British Bloodstock Agency for export to Venezuela but they were stranded here after a South American import ban when contagious metritis broke out in England last year.

The BBA had prudently insured against the possibility of the ban and that left the mares to be disposed by Lloyds. The top price, of 9,200 guineas, was made by Le Levandoll, in foal to Supreme Sovereign, and bought by the European Bloodstock Agency.

Haras de Chenette of Calvados paid 8,200 guineas for Spanish Strumpet, a grey mare in foal to Home Guard. The 16 mares produced a total of 61,700 guineas.

Olympic Games

Supreme council to check political acts

Tunis, Jan 24.—The Olympic movement today announced the formation of a "supreme council for world sport" as part of a campaign to check political interference in sport. The formation of the new body was announced after the two-day meeting here of the tripartite commission of the International Olympic Committee.

The commission will form the core of the new body but it plans to invite other concerned bodies to join them. The tripartite commission, which consists of representatives of the IOC, of international federations of individual sports and of the national Olympic committees, also intends to issue a manifesto giving its views.

The commission expressed its "growing concern at the ever-increasing encroachment by public authorities and other non-sporting organizations." Details of the proposals will be announced by Lord Killanin, the president of the IOC, after the commission's next meeting in Lausanne on March 20.—Reuter.

lkestone programme

NORTHIAM HURDLE (Div I: novices: £563: 2m 200yd)

00-4f01 Subaltern, B. Shaw, 6-11-13 .... Mr A. Wilson
430-103 Crowning Issue, D. Morley, 5-11-11 .... B. R. Davies
020 Varoncroft, A. Ingham, 6-11-6 .... A. Gonsalves 7
0-p Bridal Rose, J. Long, 6-11-6 .... P. Haynes
42-u403 Crazy Harvest, W. Stephenson, 5-11-4 .... S. Hives 5
Friendly Lad, M. Bolton, 5-11-4 .... R. Goldstein 7
0 *Simon Slingsby, H. Price, 5-11-4 .... G. Enright
Cemak, Miss A. Sinclair, 4-10-5 .... R. Powell
400 Living For Kicks, W. Musson, 4-10-5 .... D. Goodwin 7
22 Otterden, A. Neaves, 4-10-5 .... A. Coogan 7
Silver Ring, R. Wall, 4-10-5 .... J. Barlow 5
003 Tompion, Mrs D. Oughton, 4-10-5 .... N. Holmes 5
Williamson, G. Harwood, 4-10-5 .... G. Lawson
Crowning Issue, 7-2 Baroncroft, 9-2 Subaltern, 6-1 Crazy Harvest, 7-1 ... 10-1 Tompion, 14-1 others.

BATTLE HURDLE (£422: 2m 200yd)

0212-0p Wellwood Prince, W. Holden, 6-11-12 .... I. Watkinson
0b-03 Extrovert, D. Kent, 6-11-12 .... P. Haynes
40u0-04 Four New Pence (C-D), G. Ripley, 10-11-12 A. Anderson 7
-30-fp4p Franwin (C), A. Davison, 13-11-12 .... G. Gracey 5
p St Severin, P. Allingham, 6-11-12 .... D. Sunderland
f0 Black Fleece, H. O'Neill, 4-10-9 .... —
0000 Peacock's Pal, A. Ingham, 4-10-9 .... A. Gonsalves 7
Delwood Prince, 5-2 Peacock's Pal, 4-1 Extrovert, 5-1 Four New Pence, Severin, 9-1 Franwin, 12-1 Black Fleece.

HURST GREEN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,542: 2m 3f)

134411 Number Engaged, F. Walwyn, 10-12-7 .... Mr Shilston 7
-34212 Rough and Tumble (C-D), F. Winter, 8-11-10 J. Francome
04pp41 Brandy Fare (C), B. Shaw, 8-11-3 .... Mr A. Wilson
04-0 My Captain, D. Morley, 9-10-0 .... B. R. Davies
04 Monksgrange, S. Woodman, 10-10-0 .... C. Brown 5
30p-000 Sugarbush View, J. Truman, 10-10-0 .... G. Gracey 5
Rough and Tumble, 5-2 Number Engaged, 9-3 Brandy Fare, 6-1 Monks-, 7-1 My Captain, 12-1 Sugarbush View.

ROBERTSBRIDGE HURDLE (Handicap: £1,104: 2½m)

-12300 Foolsome (C-D), L. Bowman, 6-12-0 .... N. Holman 5
01-102 Ramblix, F. Winter, 6-11-13 .... J. Francome
-p0004 Tragus, D. Morley, 6-11-11 .... B. R. Davies
32-400 Spanish Lantern, M. Goswell, 7-10-13 .... M. Banham 7
043032 Genovese (C-D), D. Grissell, 6-10-12 .... R. Linley
407 1300-0u Legal Advice (C), R. Clements, 5-10-10 .... Mr Clements 7
408 000003 Master Butcher, B. Wise, 9-10-9 .... J. Jenkins
409 fu3p-uf Lewacre, R. Wall, 7-10-8 .... J. Barlow 5
411 1003-00 Miss Worden (D), B. Wise, 8-10-5 .... G. Enright
413 00f/20 Rosie Whisper, B. Shaw, 7-10-0 .... M. Gibson
6-4 Ramblix, 4-1 Tragus, 5-1 Genovese, 13-2 Spanish Lantern, 8-1 Foolsome, 10-1 Legal Advice, 12-1 Master Butcher, 16-1 others.

3.15 BREDE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £704: 3m)

601 2-00201 Beige Prince, J. Gifford, 8-11-9 .... R. Champion
505 0-004 Bold Saint, L. Bowman, 6-11-2 .... N. Holman 5
507 03003-3 Chunky Joe, E. Beeson, 8-11-2 .... R. Goldstein 7
515 00-0000 Miss Melita, H. O'Neill, 7-11-2 .... G. McCourt
516 000p0-p Officer Dibble, M. Bolton, 6-11-2 .... R. Powell
518 0d0-0 Scort, D. Morley, 8-11-2 .... B. R. Davies
519 0 Sporting Image, D. Grissell, 10-11-2 .... R. Linley
4-6 Beige Prince, 5-1 Chunky Joe, 15-2 Scort, 8-1 Bold Saint, 10-1 Miss Melita, 20-1 others.

3.45 NORTHIAM HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £562: 2m 200yd)

602 002012 Charbonnier, P. Bailey, 7-11-13 .... I. Watkinson
604 p Bloomingdale, J. Long, 8-11-6 .... P. Haynes
605 00000-0 Flying Straight, Mrs D. Oughton, 6-11-6 .... N. Holman 5
608 200303 Tudor Mystery, E. Beeson, 8-11-6 .... R. Goldstein 7
610 03141 French Saint, D. Morley, 4-11-3 .... B. R. Davies
612 1p0 Sir Bountiful, G. Harwood, 4-10-10 .... G. Lawson
615 00 An-erjelic, B. Wise, 4-10-3 .... J. Jenkins
614 f Celestial Gem, H. Price, 4-10-3 .... G. Enright
617 Gaelic Gold, Miss A. Sinclair, 4-10-3 .... R. Rowell
618 p High Value, S. Supple, 4-10-3 .... T. Bridee 5
619 00 Ickworth Park, W. Musson, 4-10-3 .... —
620 p Miss Miss, A. Neaves, 4-10-3 .... I. Cox 7
625 230 Sovereign's Escort, A. Ingham, 4-10-3 .... A. Gonsalves 7
3-1 Sovereign's Escort, 100-30 Charbonnier, 5-1 French Saint, 6-1 Celestial Gem, 8-1 Tudor Mystery, 10-1 Sir Bountiful, 12-1 Gaelic God, 16-1 others.
- Doubtful runner

Folkestone selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.15 Crowning Issue. 1.45 Extrovert. 2.15 Number Engaged. 2.45 RAMBLIX is specially recommended. 3.15 Beige Prince. 3.45 Sir Bountiful.
1.15 Crowning Issue. 1.45 Delwood Prince. 2.15 My Captain. 2.45 Tragus.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.15 Scort. 3.45 French Saint.

Worcester results

1.30 (1.34) LADYWOOD HURDLE (Handicap: £444: 2m)
Merry Leap, b m, by Stephen George—French Court (J. Adam), 5-10-2 .. G. McCourt (11-4 fav) 1
Flippant Heck .. P. Duggins (8-1) 2
Lager Boy .. John Williams (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 God Aolus, 4-1 Aunt Thea, 8-1 Captain Cheeko, 10-1 Fair Brutus, 16-1 Pace Attack, 20-1 Linbalu, 50-1 River Trip (4th). 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; places, 13p, 19p, 19p; dual forecast, 94p. M. McCourt, at Wantage. 8l, 1½l. Solesclam, Pava's Girl did not run.

2.0 (2.3) FOREGATE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £690: 3m)
Sanskrit, b g, by Behistoun—Sansgrove (Mrs D. Lawton), 7-12-5 ...... B. Blacker (8-1) 1
Princely Bid .. H. J. Evans (11-1) 2
Jackstones .... P. Dickin (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Ousky, 9-2 Physicist (4th), 6-1 Lone General (pu), 12-1 Slender (f), 14-1 Kings Or Better, 33-1 The Sea Lion (f), 50-1 Barger Boy (pu), Bell-Amys (pu), Blue Duke (pu), Flemingstown (pu), Pride of Pierce (pu), Roaming Car (u), Trevol Brig (pu). 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.57; places, 61p, 46p, 22p; dual forecast, £[illegible].00. T. Edwards, at Leominster. 1½l, 3l. Law Society, William Penn did not run.

2.30 (2.37) ASTWOOD HURDLE (Handicap: £858: 2½m)
Fighting Taffy, ch g, by Welsh Rake—First Combat (P. Upton), 11-10-11 P. Burgoyne (9-2 fav) 1
Court Melody .. R. Mangan (10-1) 2
Tempest Girl .... K. Whyte (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Brantridge Farmer, Durham Lad, Marks Boy, 12-1 Creevelea (ref to race), Windmill Boy (pu), Mayqo (4th), 20-1 Case Study, Dunedas Daughter, 33-1 Double Slave, Bronze Reel, Ordnance Hill, Sackville (pu), Ten Knots, True Diver, Lyns Legend, Halmahera (pu), Captain Hardy. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win, 61p; places, 16p, 30p, 11p, 11p; dual forecast, £2.61. P. Upton, at Wantage. 8l, ¾l. Transform, Emperoros Gift, Escapologist did not run.

3.0 (3.3) LOWESMOOR STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £874: 2m)
Abo, br g, by Head Hunter—Pheroza Able (W. Whitbread), 10-10-0 .... S. Jobar (9-2) 1
Hilarity .... D. Sunderland (20-1) 2
Isle Of Man .. W. Smith (4-9 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 20-1 Perpol (pu), Golden Warrior (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 38p; dual forecast, 89p. S. Mellor, at Lambourn. 10l, 10l. Royal Thrust did not run.

3.30 (3.32) ABBERLEY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £951: 2½m)
Jer, ch g, by Sea Bird II—Marcarona II (G. Wyse), 7-10-6 S. Smith Eccles (3-1) 1
Star Dyker .... M. Floyd (5-2 fav) 2
Tenecoon .... G. Brown (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Tenspir (pu), 7-2 Harvest (4th), 33-1 Bright Forgus (f). 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 11p, 34p; dual forecast, 84p. W. Clay, at Uttoxeter. 6l, 4l.

4.0 (4.5) BRANSFORD HURDLE (Novices: £545: 2½m)
Tower Bridge, b g, by Metropolis—Ocean Tide (Mr Small), 7-10-11 R. Linley (4-1) 1
Chevulgan .. H. J. Evans (20-1) 2
Beluga Boy J. Francome (5-2 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt fav Jack Madness, 11-4 Wesberry Lodge (pu), 33-1 David Tudor, Reservist, Weeny Bopper, 50-1 Lovely Boy, Adams Boy, Kussa. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 46p; places, 18p, 16p, 16p; dual forecast, £4.55. E. Small, at Somerton. 3l, 6l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Fighting Taffy, Jer, £22.60. TREBLE: Sanskrit, Abo, Tower Bridge, £26.35.
JACKPOT: £459.60. PLACE POT: £43.35.

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AYTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £778: 2m)

13102 Chartist (D), K. Hogg, 10-11-6 .... R. Barry
10-04 Fine Talk (D), B. Wilkinson, 9-10-13 .... A. Harrison 7
p4f2 Certainly John (D), S. Norton, 7-10-9 .... G. Graham 5
3242f Supreme Sail (D), V. Thompson, 7-10-1 .... Mr J. Walton
Fine Talk, 9-4 Certainly John, 7-2 Chartist, 6-1 Supreme Sail.

AWORTH HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £418: 2m 330yd)

001 Progression, R. Peacock, 5-11-10 .... C. Hawkins
f4fp0 Craigmore, G. Wallace, 6-11-2 .... K. Gray
0202 Dunmarc, F. Jestin, 6-11-2 .... R. Barry
0410 Fair Fool, Mrs R. Lomas, 6-11-2 .... R. Forsyth 7
00 Gamesmanship, A. Dickinson, 8-11-2 .... M. Dickinson
00 Glanford Bridge, R. Fisher, 6-11-2 .... J. Errington 7
Livsol, S. Norton, 6-11-2 .... J. T. Bourke
-002 Allerdale, D. MacDonald, 5-11-0 .... J. L. Goulding 7
4020 Katie Grey, J. Hurst, 5-11-0 .... P. A. Charlton
-00-1 Melanna, T. Craig, 5-11-10 .... M. Ennis 7
Russian Society, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-0 .... R. Collins
-000 Saucy Eater, T. Barnes, 5-11-0 .... M. Barnes
Scimone, T. Barnes, 5-11-0 .... D. Johnson 7
-000 Sturdy Lad, W. J. Smith, 5-11-0 .... —
00 Miss Bagley, R. Nixon, 4-10-0 .... P. Mangan
4000 Never Flap, V. Thompson, 4-10-0 .... Mr J. Walton
unmarc, 100-30 Gamesmanship, 9-2 Progression, 6-1 Allerdale, 7-1 10-1 Fair Fool, 12-1 Katie Grey, 20-1 others.

MBERLAND GRAND NATIONAL (Handicap: £1,209: 3m)

3-30 Roystar (C-D), Miss J. Bell, 8-12-0 .... P. Mangan
-022 Greystoke Rambler (C), G. Richards, 9-12-0 .... D. Goulding
1402 Soutra (C,D), B. Wilkinson, 10-10-13 .... J. J. O'Neill
1430 Kerman (D), K. Tuer, 11-10-12 .... P. A. Charlton
-434 Brasidas (D), N. Crump, 8-10-11 .... C. Hawkins
402 Jean Premier (D), T. Barron, 9-10-9 .... K. Gray
Jean Premier, 3-1 Roystar, 4-1 Greystoke Rambler, 6-1 Soutra, 8-1 10-1 Kerman.

2.30 WALTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £520: 2m)

2 0-u0000 Bosphorus Queen, M. Naughton, 7-11-0 .... Mr S. Kettlewell 7
5 f00-0p3 French Pin, G. Richards, 7-11-0 .... D. Goulding
n 3020-3f Guilsborough Grey, Miss J. Bell, 6-11-0 .... P. Mangan
12 Crichton Castle, T. Craig, 5-10-[illegible] .... M. Ennis 7
1-2 French Pin, 3-1 Guilsborough Grey, 10-1 Crichton Castle, 20-1 Bosphorus Queen.

3.0 BRAMPTON HURDLE (Handicap: £603: 3m 100yd)

4 p44020 Eatwell, W. A. Stephenson, 6-10-5 .... A. Webb 5
5 00 Waite (C), A. Dickinson, 8-10-6 .... M. Dickinson
6 003021 Another Captain, A. Scott, [illegible]-10-[illegible] .... J. J. O'Neill
7 200210 Roman Deon, K. Hogg, [illegible]-10-3 .... P. A. Charlton
10 03-p340 The Tinker (D), B. Wilkinson, 7-10-0 .... C. Hawkins
11 0041-p0 Only Money, G. Richards, 7-10-[illegible] .... D. Goulding
12 0-01300 Orchard Hero, G. Fairbairn, 7-10-0 .... A. Phillips 5
13 2-04201 Regal Bird, Mrs R. Lomax, 7-10-0 .... —
9-4 Another Captain, 11-4 Eatwell, 7-2 Waite, 6-1 Roman Deon, 8-1 Regal Bird, 10-1 The Tinker, 16-1 others.

3.30 NAWORTH HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £411: 2m 330yd)

4 0 Lucky Venture, K. Tuer, 5-11-2 .... D. Munro
7 0-0 Salkeld, K. Oliver, 5-11-2 .... R. Barry
8 000-020 Table Water, T. Barron, 5-11-2 .... K. Gray
10 0000 Belrib, D. McCain, 5-11-0 .... W. Beardwood 7
11 004020 Cool Lynne, H. Robanks, 5-11-0 .... P. A. Charlton
14 00 Jack's Bow, W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-0 .... R. Collins
19 0f-0000 Straight Phase, M. Naughton, 5-11-0 .... Mr S. Kettlewell 7
23 4 Lord Melbourne, Miss J. Bell, 4-10-0 .... P. Mangan
25 100 Rannerdale, D. McDonald, 4-10-0 .... J. L. Goulding 7
5-2 Lord Melbourne, 4-1 Salkeld, 9-2 Cool Lynne, 6-1 Table Water, Jack's Bow, 8-1 Belrib, 12-1 Rannerdale, 20-1 others.

Carlisle selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.0 Chartist. 1.30 Progression. 2.0 Jean Premier. 2.30 French Pin. 3.0 Another Captain. 3.30 Salkeld.

field

12.48) COXHOE HURDLE cap: £564: 2½m)
b g, by Spartan General or (W. A. Stephenson). ...... P. Murphy (6-1) 1
anor .. S. Houlker (7-1) 2
...... M. Murphy (25-1) 3
RAN: 5-2 fav Irish Word, r Blarney (4th), 6-1 Weather Part-Ex, 20-1 Bay Corniche, r, Rolkoline, 33-1 Recoil, Smart Girl. 13 ran.
Win, 65p; places, 23p, 19p, ual forecast, £1.71. W. A. n, at Bishop Auckland. 6l, [illegible]

17) GEORGE MULCASTER -ECHASE (Handicap: £833: yds)
oe, b g, by Bally Joy—ue (J. Lourie), 8-11-7 M. Dickinson (13-8 fav) 1
Tudor .. P. Barry (5-1) 2
Whitsancell .. C. Hawkins (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Red Earl (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 36p; dual forecast, 46p. A. Dickinson, at Gisburn, 10l, 4l.

1.45 SEDGEFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £745: 2m)
Bold Warrior, b g by Brave Invador—Natty (Mrs M. Clark), 7-11-12 ...... K. Gray (7-4) 1
Fiddler On The Hoof R. Barry (6-4 fav) 2
Super Chant .. G. Faulkner (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Sea Count (p), 33-1 Three Fred's (p). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 80p; dual forecast, 32p. J. Berry, at Lancaster. 12l, 8l.

2.15 (2.16) SANDS STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £705: 3m 250yds)
Slane Lady, ch m, by Escart III—Lady Steelpoint (J. Richardson), 12-11-12 ...... K. Gray (9-4) 1
Hal's Slave Mr T. G. Dun (2-1 fav) 2
Law Society .. Mr Tinkler (15-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Old Walter (pu), 9-2 Slonnaigh, Bouilina [illegible], 12-1 Cossak Prince (p) (4th), Darling Eve, 14-1 Oakley Cross (u), 20-1 Kenmere (p), 33-1 Tully Town (p), 50-1 Burghwallis (p). 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 27p, 20p, 18p; dual forecast, 57p. D. Barron, at North Allerton. [illegible], 15l.

2.45 STOCKTON HURDLE (Handicap £647: 2m)
Limpopo, ch g, by Crepello—Sunbest (R. Siddall), 6-10-3 S. Houlker (16-1) 1
Embargo .... D. Goulding (9-2) 2
Emma J .... P. Barry (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Yachtsman, 5-1 Regal Bird, 9-1 Meldrette, 10-1 John McNab, 11-1 Mr Resistor (4th), 12-1 Pigerous, 14-1 Apple At Night, 16-1 Huntercombe Lad. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £2.55; places, 23p, 35p, 31p; dual forecast, £4.10. J. Berry, Lancaster. 6l, 15l.

3.15 CASSOP HURDLE (Novices: £485: 2m)
Jason, b g, by Mummy's Pet—Manzanilla (R. Spencer), 4-10-6 J. O'Neill (5-1) 1
General Patterns Mr R. Page (20-1) 2
Mr Dram .... M. Dickinson (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Varneter, 5-1 Gulsway (4th), 12-1 Master Milan, 14-1 Mazurka, 33-1 Puddy's Lass (u), 50-1 Dere, Contribution, Mischiefmaker, Yellow Star (p). 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 12p, 23p, 25p; dual forecast, £1.[illegible]8. M. H. Easterby, Malton. 6l, 3l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Bold Warrior, Limpopo. Pool: £87.00. Dividend: £2.75. Paid on first leg only. TREBLE: Tammy Joe, Slane Lady, Jason, £10.85.

Lynch set for France

John Lynch goes to France on Sunday to ride the Newmarket trained Old Cosimos in a three-year-old maiden race at Cagnes-Sur-Mer. Lynch then travels to Spain to partner Gray Buttons in the Grand Premio de Savilla on February 12.

Motor rallying

Porsche in lead as snow disrupts tests

Monte Carlo, Jan 24.—Porsche took over the lead from Renault tonight in the 1978 Monte Carlo Rally while heavy snow continued to disrupt the event. Avalanche threats on the Lautaret Pass in the Alps and excessive snow over an ice circuit at Serre-Chevalier forced organisers to cancel two special tests. 9 third had to be stopped after 51 cars completed the 16-kilometre course on the Fanget Pass. Under new rally rules all cars completing the test received a bonus of a few seconds.

The Renault 5 Alpine of Guy Frequelin and Jacques Delaval, of France, had been leading overnight after the Italian favourite, Sandro Munari, dropped out when his Lancia Stratos developed accelerator and gear box trouble. The Renault now stands in second place, 30 seconds behind a Porsche driven by Jean Pierre Nicolas assisted by Vincent Laverne, both of France.

Third in the provisional placings was another Renault 5 Alpine with Jean Ragnotti and Jean Marc Andrieu, of France aboard, only 1min 8sec behind the leading Porsche. Italy's Maurizio Verini and Francesco Rosseteti came in fourth, at 1min 40sec in a Fiat 131.

Another Fiat 131, with two Frenchmen, Bernard Darniche and Alain Mahe aboard, was fifth at 1:49. The forty-sixth Monte Carlo Rally ends on Friday.

STANDINGS: 1, J. P. Nicolas and V. Laverne (France), Porsche, 2:02.08; 2, G. Frequelin and J. Delaval (France), Renault 5 Alpine, at 30sec; 3, J. Ragnotti and J. M. Andrie (France), Renault 5 Alpine, at 1min 08sec; 4, M. Verini and F. Rossetti (Italy), Fiat 131 Abarth, at 1:40; 5, B. Darniche and A. Mahe (France), Fiat 131 Abarth, at 1:48; 6, F. Bacchelli and A. Bernacchini (Italy), Lancia Stratos, at 1:52; 7, J-C. Andruet and M. Augier (France), Fiat 131 Abarth, at 2:01; 8, W. Rohr and C. Geistdorfer (Italy), Fiat 131 Abarth, at 2:20; 9, M. Mouton and F. Conconi (France), Lancia Stratos, at 2:48; 10, A. Kullang and B. Berglund (Sweden), Opel K GTE, at 4:36.—Reuter.

Tennis

LOS ANGELES: Virginia Slims women's tournament: First round: S. Barker (GB) beat T. [illegible], 6—[illegible]; T. Austin beat J. Russell, 6—[illegible], [illegible]—6; R. Marsikova (Czechoslovakia) beat P. Teeguarden, [illegible]; [illegible] Laine beat K. Shaw, [illegible].

Skiing

Miss Wenzel in top form for world championships

Berchtesgaden (W Germany), Jan 24.—Hanni Wenzel, of Liechtenstein, won her fourth World Cup race in a month here today and showed that she is in top form for next week's world championships. Miss Wenzel increased her lead in the World Cup women's competition by clearly defeating the reigning trophy holder, Lise-Marie Morerod, of Switzerland, and Perrine Pelen, of France.

It was the first time this season that this trio, last year's best women slalom skiers, had captured the top three places in a cup race. This is a further indication that form is becoming more settled in the run-up to the world championships, which open this weekend in Garmisch-Partenkirchen nearby.

Miss Wenzel, though, must have gleaned the greatest comfort from today's event, the first of two cup slaloms in successive days in this Bavarian alpine resort. She weaved down two legs of the particularly long course, with its 180-metre vertical drop, in a combined time of 1min 55.77sec, more than half a second ahead of Miss Morerod.

It was the Liechtensteiner's third World Cup win in 10 days. Just 48 hours before, she triumphed in the last slalom event, at Maribor in Yugoslavia. Miss Wenzel now has 144 World Cup points, 34 ahead of Miss Morerod and 35 more than Annemarie Moser, of Austria, better known as a downhill specialist.

Apart from its significance for the forthcoming world championships, her success today made clear that she is likely to challenge Mrs Moser, five times World Cup holder and the favourite for this year's trophy, right until the end of the season in Arosa, Switzerland, in March.

WOMEN'S SLALOM: 1, H. Wenzel (Liechtenstein), 58.02sec and 57.75sec =1min 55.77sec; 2, L.-M. Morerod (Switzerland), 58.17 and 58.18 = 1:56.35; 3, P. Pelen (France), 58.79 and 57.70=1:56.49; 4, B. Dorsey (US), 58.04 and 58.70=1:56.74; 5, C. Cooper (US), [illegible] and 58.[illegible]=1:57.[illegible]; 6, A. Fischer (US), 59.42 and 58.22=1:57.63.

WORLD CUP (to date): 1, H. Wenzel, 144pts; 2, L. Morerod, 110; 3, A. Moser (Austria), 109; 4, M. Epple (W Germany), 78; 5, M. Kaserer (Austria), 75; 6, M.-T. Nadig (Switzerland), 63.—Reuter.

Latest European snow reports

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Andermatt	70	165	Good	Varied	Good	Snowing	0
Powder snow on hard base							
Arosa	75	75	Fair	Varied	Good	Cloud	-3
Good snow on most pistes							
Bormio	80	150	Good	Powder	Fair	Snowing	1
New snow on good base							
Flims	30	100	Good	Heavy	Good	Snow	-1
Good skiing, poor visibility							
Grindelwald	20	50	Fair	Heavy	Fair	Cloud	3
New snow above 1,650 metres							
Isola 2000	190	270	Good	Heavy	Good	Fair	-2
Excellent skiing on pistes							
Mürren	35	120	Fair	Varied	Fair	Snowing	-4
Fair skiing conditions							
Niederau	40	60	Worn	Heavy	Good	Cloud	0
Auffach slopes still good							
St Anton	35	145	Good	Varied	Fair	Snowing	1
Light snowfall on hard base							
Tignes	165	240	Good	Powder	Good	Snowing	-1
Deep snow on good base							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
SWITZERLAND					
Adelboden	20	60	Fair	Snow	-5
Braunwald	30	100	Good	Snow	-1
Champery	30	80	Good	Snow	0
Chateau d'Oex	20	60	Good	Cloud	0
Crans	30	150	Good	Cloud	-2
Disentis	30	140	Good	Cloud	-1
Engelberg	20	70	Fair	Rain	-2
Grindelwald					
Gstaad	15	50	Fair	Rain	-3
Kandersteg	40	40	Good	Cloud	-3
Klosters	30	110	Good	Cloud	-2
Lenzerheide	30	70	Good	Cloud	-2
Les Diablerets	60	120	Fair	Cloud	-1
Leysin	[illegible]	75	Good	Snow	0
Morgins	50	[illegible]	Good	Snow	1
Pontresina	70	150	Good	Cloud	-5
Saanenmöser	30	60	Good	Snow	-1
Savognin	50	80	Good	Cloud	1
Wildhaus	50	60	Good	Snow	1
GERMANY					
Berchtesgaden	10	35	Fair	—	-1
Garmisch	10	15	Fair	Cloud	-1
Hindelang	20	30	Fair	—	-1
Mittenwald	20	55	Fair	—	-1
Oberammergau	15	25	Fair	—	-1
Oberstaufen	[illegible]	40	Good	—	-1
Oberstdorf	20	50	Fair	Rain	-4

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world's loss is N America's gain

ex Bellamy
Rackets Correspondent
phia, Jan 24

McKay, who has not quash match since the hampionship of January, a tournament in New weekend and in future to restrict her compeigramme to the North version of the game. ay has won the British hip for 16 consecutive osing only two games in ss. But she has not or this year's tournabe played at Wembley ruary 24 to March 2. I'm finished over she said last evening, by telephone from her Toronto. "I don't think r get back."

Kay, aged 36, lost a Susan Cogswell, of Britain, in the semi-final round of last year's championship. She has since found that she can no longer spare enough time for the thorough preparation she considers necessary if she is to play her best squash in Britain. The forthcoming tournament could be particularly hard, she said, because New Zealand and Australian teams would take part. "Things are going pretty well for us here. With the coaching and everything, I've been too busy to put in the time I would have to. But I think I'll still play over here, with the '70-plus' ball. I don't have to put as much into it."

The North American game is less strenuous than the international version. The ball is harder and faster (though the new "70-plus" is a compromise of sorts). The racket is sturdier and the court dimensions and scoring system also differ from those familiar elsewhere in the world. North American squash consequently demands a more restricted range of shots and tactics. The Australian team have been playing here for two weeks and their preparation for British conditions may have been adversely affected.

Mrs McKay has always been a perfectionist and since she and her husband settled in Toronto it has become increasingly difficult for her to train and practise as she would wish for an important championship in the game's international playing conditions. Nothing less than peak form would satisfy her. So it seems that in Britain we may have seen the last of the greatest player women's squash has ever known—and one of the most extraordinary champions, of either sex, to adorn any sport.

Watson beats Crenshaw at second extra hole

Pebble Beach (California), Jan 23.—Tom Watson won his second successive Bing Crosby national pro-am golf tournament today when he parred the second extra hole to defeat Ben Crenshaw in a playoff at the Pebble Beach golf links.

Watson and Crenshaw finished the four rounds tied at 280 (eight under par). Both parred the first extra hole, but on the par-three 216-yard second extra hole Crenshaw hit a five-iron into a front bunker and took one over par. Watson, meanwhile, hit his five-iron on the green and took two putts from about 70ft.

The victory was the second this year for Watson and was worth $45,000. He earlier won the Tucson Open. Watson played the front nine at Pebble Beach in a devastating six-under-par 30, that included an eagle. On the back nine he slumped to a 39, but held on to tie Crenshaw, who scored 67.

Hale Irwin finished alone in third place one stroke off the pace. Hubert Green, Don Bies and Mike Morley were another two shots back. Tony Jacklin, of Britain, runner-up here last year, finished with a 68 and tied for eighth on 285.

LEADING SCORES: 280: T. Watson, 66, 71, 71, 69 (won play-off); B. Crenshaw, 69, 71, 73, 67. 281: H. Irwin, 69, 70, 74, 68. 283: H. Green, [illegible], 71, 74, [illegible]; M. Morley, 71, [illegible]; D. Bies, 70, 70, 73, 70. 284: [illegible] North, 74, 70, 69, 71. 285: A. Jacklin (GB), 74, 70, 73, 68; T. Weiskopf, 70, 71, 71, 73; D. Pooley, 70, 70, 75, 70. 286: R. Floyd, 70, [illegible]; D. Graham (Australia), [illegible]; D. Edwards, 72, 71, 72, 71; L. Hinkle, 69, 72, 75, 70.—Reuter.

Governor 'Jerry' Brown meets the people.

Knives are out for golden boy Brown

In 1974 when Edmund G. ("Jerry") Brown Jr, was running for Governor of California, a rival told a rally, "I'd like to be able to meet every voter in the state. Failing that I'd like Jerry Brown to meet every voter in the state!"

Now nearing the end of his first term in the state's top job, nothing essentially has changed. Brown is no better at handling people today than he was then and he will still be no easier to beat.

His opponents who are preparing to give him a hard fight when he runs for reelection this year know it. Their game plan is to force Brown in the open, strip off his highly popular symbols and get him out to face crowds and take positions on controversial issues. That may be easier said than done.

Brown's genius, which even his political enemies concede, is that while appearing to be the anti-politician, dissociating himself from the smoke filled rooms, shunning the trappings of power, riding around in an old car and sleeping on a mattress in an inexpensive apartment, he is in fact a consummate politico. A master of image making, manipulating the tools of the media politician—the press and television—he has created a governor who is a headline grabber around the world. But, say his opponents, Brown is all rhetoric masking very little substance.

He won the governorship of the largest state in the United States running a Madison Avenue devised campaign of slick television commercials and highly selective public appearances, while managing to sidestep any issue tinged with controversy, such as marijuana laws, homosexual rights or bussing.

This time it may not be so easy. The state's chief Brown baiter, the Minority leader in the legislature, Republican Assemblyman Paul Priolo, says, "We won't let him run the Campbell's Soup campaign this time."

Republicans plan to attack Brown on his record and on the fact that what he does bears very little resemblance to what he says—an accusation that isn't exactly uncommon in politics.

The opposition's arsenal was given a big boost by Brown's announcement of a state budget in excess of $17 billion, the highest in the history of the state, higher than any proposed by his big spending father, former Governor Edmund G. Brown.

On a much smaller scale Brown recently flew to London by Laker Airways making much ado about his frugality until someone pointed out that to fly to New York to catch the Laker flight put the cost of his trip higher than it would have been if he'd gone direct from Los Angeles on an economy flight.

But in this election year Brown may have decided that "little" or "lowering your expectations" talk doesn't win votes. In his state of the State address to the legislature this month the man who once said, "I don't view this office as the repository of all new programmes," talked of funnelling millions into programmes for everything from reforestation, to building more prisons and putting California in the forefront of space technology.

The speech was jammed with superlatives and exhortations to make California the biggest and the best. His critics charge that while Brown talks a good game the Government of California has come to a virtual standstill carried on by the bureaucracy, while the governor spends hours deciding minor appointments which ought to be delegated to his aides.

They charge that youth gangs are out of control on California city streets, while the governor's judicial appointees give more and more lenient sentences.

A recent state commission accused the governor of being directly responsible for the state's mental hospital system being in total chaos and his director of health education and welfare Mario Obledo has been linked in the press to a major Calfornian crime syndicate known as the Mexican Mafia.

But most of all Brown's opponents are concentrating on the governor's temperament and personality. There have been growing numbers of reported incidents of Brown insulting people who ask him for autographs, keeping important visitors waiting and being a less than adequate state host. The much talked about cold-cuts lunch for Prince Charles last year, may have amused outsiders and been in keeping with the Brown penny pinching image, but many Californians were offended at the governor's reception of the Prince on the state's behalf.

Such incidents are getting more attention in the local press. Says Assemblyman Priolo, "As minority leader I used to feel total and absolute frustration. Brown would get the entire attention of the media despite the fact that in private the press were immensely critical of him. Now the tide has turned. He is not going to have the press on his side this time."

Most political observers conclude that the list of those who will not be backing the governor for re-election is growing and includes:—

● **The Liberals:** The mainstay of his support at the last election they have been discouraged by his attempts to woo the business community and are unlikely to be placated by his belated spending on social programmes.

● **Farmers:** Not a large voting block perhaps, but a source of heavy campaign contributions were alienated by his refusal to back a national agricultural growers' strike and his identification with the militant farmworkers' union of Cesar Chavez.

● **Homeowners:** Outraged by his footdragging on a workable property tax relief bill. It is their antagonism that has led Brown to belatedly make property tax relief his top priority.

● **Women:** Who call his much publicized female government appointees, "tokenism" and charge that he has severely limited the amount of power given to women in his administration.

● **Conservatives:** Attracted at first by his era of limits and "less is more" rhetoric, now accuse him of reversing that stand in an election year.

Some predict he may even have trouble getting campaign money out of the Democratic establishment, most of whom he has treated in cavalier fashion in the last three years.

Said one observer, "The big Democratic bucks are not going to be coming his way this time but knowing him he'll turn even that to his advantage. Even though he has all the power of his office behind him, he'll probably claim to be a poor independent candidate and the people will probably believe him."

Which begs the final question. Despite the disenchantment can Brown be beaten?

Says Paul Priolo: "If we can do it it has to be on his record. He has never faltered in his perception of where the people's minds are. He knows what they're thinking before they do and he's just as perceptive today."

Obviously it was his perception of what the people of California want that made his state of the state message to the legislature sound more like the chairman of the board giving an upbeat report to the annual general meeting than the Zen spouting eccentric of yore—and once again he seems to have read the public mood aright.

The reliable California political polls show him well ahead of any opponent the Republicans can put up against him. The emergence of Los Angeles Police Chief Edward Davis as the frontrunner for the Republican nomination, however, promises to make it an exciting race. Davis, just as much a creature of image, as Brown is an arch Conservative law and order man who grabs the headlines with equal skill and does not pull his punches.

If anyone can lure Brown into open debate it is Davis and the clash could be revealing. But can the 61-year-old police chief unseat California's golden boy governor?

If he wins another term, which few really doubt, then there is probably nothing that can stop Brown from challenging Jimmy Carter for the presidency in 1980.

Ivor Davis

Britain's chance to lead the world in financial 'high technology'

How profit-sharing can save jobs and boost industrial investment

The forthcoming Lib-Lab consultative document on tax incentives for profit-sharing could prove to be important for the future level of employment in Britain. It could result in the introduction of a much needed element of flexibility in the market sector. More than three-quarters of the working population are employed in the market sector and are therefore dependent on whether customers, in Britain or abroad, are willing to buy their output.

The spate of employment legislation in recent years has resulted in employers being faced with a rising burden of overhead costs. This has made them increasingly reluctant to take on extra employees to cope with what may turn out to be a temporary increase in business. As a consequence, job opportunities are lost and the level of unemployment remains unnecessarily high.

Profit-sharing can make an important contribution to the creation of new jobs precisely because it is a flexible element in employee pay. If the profits are there, extra remuneration arises; if they are not, it does not.

How much flexibility can be achieved with profit-sharing? Initially not much, but in time employee bonus levels are likely to rise and fall by significant amounts. The extent of rise and fall depends largely on whether companies take the traditional approach to profit-sharing or the relatively new, value added approach.

The trouble with traditional profit-sharing is that it contained no norms. Should employees share 5 per cent of the profits or 15 per cent or 50? There are in Britain equally successful companies which share profits at each of these three levels, but how is a managing director to know what is right for his company?

Recent studies of the value added in business firms and of how this can best be shared between capital and labour, to obtain maximum motivation and reward for both parties, have provided a new set of norms for profit-sharing. ICI set the scene with a working party report published in December, 1976. Since then the pace has hotted up. Most management consultants have been involved in value added assignments for clients. Much of this work has arisen from the fact that the Government insists on making a self-financing productivity scheme the only escape route from a rigid limit on overall pay increases.

The term "self-financing" means in this context that no extra costs may arise from the scheme which the company can claim as a justification for increased prices. Hence extra pay above the norm for employees in the market sector can generally come only from an increase in profits. The real nature and significance of profit-sharing are therefore now under more intensive study in Britain than in any place at any previous time in history.

My own work on self-financing productivity schemes has been done in conjunction with Professor Peter Moore of the London Business School. I had become aware that it is not possible to make much progress in this area without the aid of a mathematician who also knows industry.

An important consequence of recent work is that it is now possible to look at the business firm as a social mechanism for creating and distributing wealth, for which profit-sharing equations can be drawn which are just as reliable as the equations underlying the design of a Concorde airliner. Moreover, the results of this work on profit-sharing can be laid out in a manner which is surprisingly simple to understand.

It is possible to draw up a bonus grid for any type of business, having first established a suitable profitability target. The grid can then be used to read off the appropriate rate of profit-sharing bonus to pay to employees in any circumstances of the business. This type of bonus grid is, in engineering terminology, a self-adjusting system, like a feedback control. It enables the firm to be continually "hunting" towards the target level of profitability. Scientists and engineers readily appreciate that the system should preferably be designed in this way, to ensure that it provides maximum employee motivation but without any risk of denuding the firm of investment funds through excessive bonus payments in good years. A simple analogy to the bonus grid can be found in the safety valve on a steam engine. This ensures that the engine can achieve maximum power without risk of the boiler bursting. One can adjust the pressure level on the safety valve according to whether the engine is new and lively or old and creaky.

A high profit target is in the interest of the employee, the firm and the country . . .

Likewise, with the bonus grid, one can set different levels of profitability target. It is in the general interest of employees as well as of the firm and the nation that a new and fast-growing business should have a high profitability target so that it can generate funds for growth. Capital-intense businesses like ICI and BP also need high profitability targets, for most of the capital used in the business comes from reinvested profits. On the other hand, it would be unrealistic to set similarly high targets in old and declining industries or in very competitive labour-intense industries. High targets in these circumstances would only result in denying to employees the opportunity of earning a worthwhile bonus when they improved their performance. Each firm's situation must be considered on its own merits.

One of the lessons which is quickly learnt from the bonus grid is that companies are limited in their scope for paying genuinely motivational levels of bonus unless the employees are prepared to take some of their bonus in "seedcorn", ie, profit which is reinvested for future harvesting. Company profits typically vary greatly from year to year and the bulk of a firm's investment funds are generated during the good years. Finance directors have in the past taken a very guarded approach to profit-sharing precisely because they could not afford to lose in cash payouts too much of the good-year profits needed for investment. The situation is different, however, if part of the good-year bonus for employees is deferred and reinvested in the business on their behalf.

Because the use of a bonus grid in profit-sharing typically involves both cash and deferred payments, this system has three further characteristics:

● The carry-forward of funds from a good year makes it possible to provide for some minimum level of cash bonus in a bad year.

● Where appropriate employees become shareholders, as well as receiving cash payments.

● The system can be designed to be "financially neutral". This means that the finance director should have roughly the same amount of cash at disposal, whether money reinvested in the business behalf of the current sh holders or allocated in a r ture of cash and shares, profit-sharing bonus employees.

It is in the light of rapidly advancing technol of profit-sharing, or emplc motivation in the market tor, that one must judge forthcoming consultative d ment on tax incentives for fit-sharing. Official Gov ment policy uses the term financing productivity sche but this policy has to incl both market and non-ma employees. For the market tor, it is perfectly logical fill out the current pay pc with legislation on profit-s ing.

This should have two ments: A modest conces on corporation tax encourage companies w take the trouble to engage profit-sharing; and a tax al ance to encourage emplo who receive part or all of t profit-sharing bonus in sha to hold on to these shares a minimum period of year

We know from the resul opinion polls taken autumn by Market & Opi Research International published in The Su Times that the overwhel majority of supporters of three main political pa give high priority to pı sharing as a policy w should be put into effect. Conservatives produced paper on this subject March. The recent Liberal tiative towards prom legislation is well timed ar the Labour Chancellor's pr sals in the next Budget equally well designed, could possibly win a large sure of parliamentary sur in all three parties. This is area of "high technol where Britain can now the world.

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Bernard Levin/Vietnam today, part 5

The 'truth' about freedom of religion that turned out to be a lie

Yesterday, I presented, in extensive quotation, the appeal made by the Buddhist church in Vietnam against the campaign of destruction that the country's communist rulers have launched against it. I have a list, compiled and brought out of Vietnam by a group of Buddhist monks whose leader I recently met, of no fewer than 85 specific actions, of the kind the appeal referred to in general terms. It seems to me necessary, and salutary, to quote a representative sample.

1. On March 14, 1976, at 6.15 am, the headquarters of the Buddhist Youth Organization of Cheo Reo district was destroyed by local officers of the Government.
2. On the same day, local government forces seized the campus and houses for monks of the Buddhist Temple of Cheo Reo and transformed it into a government center.
8. During the night of October 27, 1975, the Main Shrine and the Buddha's statue of the Phap Hoa Temple, beside the Cho Moi Market (Lam Loc Hamlet, Tinh Ha Village, Son Tinh district), were entirely smashed.
14. All the land of Thien Lam Monastery, at Ham My Village, cultivated by the monks, was confiscated.
15. The Buddha's statue on Phu Hai hill, nine metres high, was dynamited by cadres. [See photographs.]
24. Government officers came to the Thien An Pagoda, the Niem Phat Duong Tien Khu Temple and the Kim Chau Temple where they confiscated all furniture and, after smashing everything else, took away the Buddha statues.
29. The authorities of Tan Chi Long Village came to Lap Phuc Pagoda and confiscated all the holy scriptures, books, typewriters, and everything they found.
39. The Phan Thiet Unified Buddhist Church reported that all permission to organize prayer meetings at the temples had been refused by the government, except for the Wesak Day (one day only each year). The government must be informed about the program of that in advance.
40. On Wesak day of 1975, people were prevented to come to the pagodas. Ways to the main temple were barricaded and people attempting to go were threatened with arrest.
47. In a communiqué dated June 18, 1976, the local government demanded that the Unified Buddhist Church request permission ten days in advance every time the Church wants to gather people for worshipping. In the application, the Buddhists were ordered to submit programs of worship, describe kinds of people who would come to the meetings, number of followers, names of the invited guests, and biographies of the Buddhist dignatories. All the orders from the Central Executive Council of the Unified Buddhist Church should be reported to the local government. Every decision to elect a new representative, or to send a delegate to a new area, should be discussed in advance with the authorities.
59. On Sunday, November 21, 1976, the head monk of the Dau Giay Unified Buddhist Church was told that he had ten minutes to stop the prayer service to take place that day, and that regular services would not be allowed to be held in the future.
71. *The Thien Ton pagoda in Ben* Hao Village, Ngoc Hien District, was used by the government as a military recruiting center. On the night of September 20, 1976, the Buddha statue was removed from the main shrine and thrown into the river. The local Unified Buddhist Church protested but without effect.

Perhaps the most ominous single act in the Vietnamese government's anti-Buddhist campaign is what took place on April 6, 1977. On that day, the An Quang Pagoda in Ho Chi Minh City, headquarters of the Unified Buddhist Church of Vietnam, was raided. Six of the principal religious leaders of the country were arrested, and taken to an undisclosed place of detention. The authorities, understandably fearful of a wave of protest and resistance as a consequence of this action, called a public meeting, at which they attempted to justify arrests. They also invited speeches from some religious leaders who had until then been favourably disposed towards the new regime, or at least towards trying to work in harmony with it. One of these was the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Hue, Nguyen Kim Dien. His speech, of which I have a complete transcript, is an extraordinary document; he goes almost to the full limits of acceptance of the government's policies, of praise of the regime's achievements, of rejoicing in the Communist victory over all Vietnam. But the accommodating nature of his remarks, and the mildness of his criticisms, speak more eloquently than any fiery and uncompromising denunciation of religious persecution. Here are some of the things he said:

I want to share the suffering of my Buddhist colleagues. I had similar experiences during the Vinh Son affair [a government raid on the Vinh Son Church in Ho Chi Minh City, when Catholic priests and laymen were charged with a conspiracy against the government]. I am sure that no one in this meeting accepts the kind of action described in the government communiqué. And one cannot help but suffer when that happens to people who have religious faith in common. How to describe our feelings? Only those who have experienced suffering know what it is like. . . . After the day of Liberation, when I heard the government proclaim the policy of religious freedom, I was very happy and encouraged. This was reflected in my remarks made at the time. But two years have elapsed since, and I no longer feel happy, because freedom of religion has not really existed . . . services have been restricted and Catholic priests prevented from circulating to serve the Ca population. . . . There churches that have been s and others prevented from hc worship services. I appreciate wisdom of the government it proclaimed the policy of dom of worship; this was s clearly in the five decrees communiqués on religion. But at school, students always anti-Catholic teachings, and teachers tried to smear Catl ism . . . Catholic workers, ployees, teachers, social wor even if they are recognize good workers, cannot con their job, just because they Catholic. If you are a Catl and if you are refused a jol if you have difficulties in tinuing your job, and if you to know the reason, you wi told privately that if you aba Catholicism or if you quit to church, things will go b for you. . . .

. . . In the Communiqué con ing the event [of the UBC lea arrest] issued by the Peo Committee of Ho Chi Minh, it is said near the end that " People's Committee of Ho Minh City and the governmei all levels should apply fully policy of Freedom of Religion firmed by our Government avoid violations and the abus the law. . . ." I think th freedom of religion really e then no one can incite the pe by calling on them to str against the suppression of reli Why? Because once freedor religion truly exists, people not listen to people like that more.

(To be concluded)

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THE TIMES DIARY/ PHS

Smoothing the stony path to authorship

Ethnic and Racial Studies is a new quarterly which promises imaginative and scholarly articles about the controversial and highly topical subject summed up in its no-nonsense title.

I have just received the first issue from its publishers, Routledge and Kegan Paul, and my first reaction is that the journal will make an important contribution to the current debate. I wish it did not cost as much. Three pounds a paperback copy, even in these mad, inflationary days, seems a lot.

It is not, however, with its contents that I am concerned today, but with the journal's introductory notes for contributors. I have never seen a publication which, so clearly and intelligently, offers advice on how to submit articles—the hurdle on which so many writers come to grief.

Let me give you some examples. All copy, the journal says, should be double-spaced on white bond paper; it even specifies the size—8½"×11½". And margins should be at least 1½" on all sides.

There is even guidance as to spelling, punctuation and style: "Follow the *Oxford English Dictionary* and *Fowler's Modern English Usage*." I would have thought, though, that the average contributor could get by without having to refer to Hart's *Rules for Compositors and Readers* and Collins's *Authors' and Printers' Dictionary*, which are also recommended reading.

As for bibliographical references and footnotes, the journal lays down that the notes should come after the bibliography. The journal itself breaks its own rule and reverses the order, but considering this is the first issue, the lapse is understandable.

An advertisement placed in The Times *by a firm of West Country solicitors who require an advocate, seems to offer applicants a new professional dimension. It says:*

"Opportunities to apper in CROWN COURT." The television series is still running, I am told.

Down to Earth at Harrods

Darth Vader, Dark Lord of the Sith, the black-masked villain, sent spinning into galactic space by the explosion of the Death Star at the end of the film *Star Wars*, has come down to Earth again. He works at Harrods, in the Olympic Way sports section where he advises customers how to get the best out of their bullworkers.

I was rather surprised to learn that Dave Prowse, the 19 stone and 6ft 7in former weightlifting champion whose renegade Jedi knight malevolently resides behind the "breath screen" in the film, has been a genial keep-fit consultant to the top people's store for several years.

When customers see what a deadly laser beam he wields on screen, and what cataclysmic finales he is able to survive, they may well feel that the protective Force about which *Star Wars* has much to say, is indeed with them.

In another personification, Mr Prowse is the Green Cross Man, the television character who dispenses good advice about road safety.

Stately treat's unsavoury end

The story of the missing sausage rolls and a roomful of civic dignitaries is likely to remain an embarrassing memory for Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk for some time to come.

The savoury treats had been laid on to revive the worthy gentlemen members of her West Sussex Silver Jubilee committee after a particularly exhausting meeting at Arundel Park last year. But when the time came to invite her guests to tuck in, the Duchess was told that her pet golden Labrador dogs, Bessie and Lucy, had sneaked into the stately kitchens and polished the lot off.

Bessie, five, and Lucy, six, were duly admonished. But the two mayors and five district council chairmen who attended the meeting refused to let guzzling dogs lie. So, they have presented the Duchess with china statuettes of the two thieves to mark her work as chairman of the committee and remind her of the incident.

With aristocratic aplomb, the Duchess told me yesterday: "All I could do was announce that there would be no sausage rolls. But they hadn't been expecting anything to eat anyway, so it could have been worse."

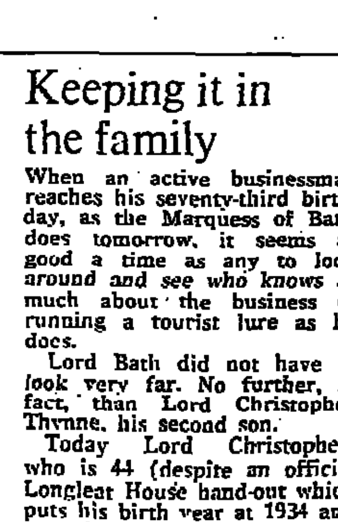
Haggis is aimed at Moscow

A missile from Glasgow will land in Moscow some time today. It will be packed with: 2 cwt of haggis, 264 bottles of whisky, 1 cwt of turnips and 105 Burns devotees.

The aircraft has been chartered by the Scotland-Russia Friendship Society who will be celebrating Burns Night tonight.

The haggis will be cooked under critical Scots eyes, the bottles converted into 6,600 drams and the turnips turned into neeps for the traditional supper at an Intourist hotel.

One member of the party said before leaving yesterday: "Burns is probably better known in Moscow than he is in Glasgow". I infer from that statement that the Scots began their Burns celebrations nice and early.



"I danced with a man, who danced with a girl, who won't marry the Prince of Wales..."
Marc

"Park with your bonnets facing the fence", says a car park sign (aimed at the ladies?) on the Culloden battle site.

Keeping it in the family

When an active businessman reaches his seventy-third birthday, as the Marquess of Bath does tomorrow, it seems as good a time as any to look around and see who knows as much about the business of running a tourist lure as he does.

Lord Bath did not have to look very far. No further, in fact, than Lord Christopher Thynne, his second son.

Today Lord Christopher, who is 44 (despite an official Longleat House hand-out which puts his birth year at 1934 and says he is 42), becomes his father's personal assistant, and no doubt glasses of champ will be raised at the Lon House press conference.

Lord Christopher, ex Guards, ex-Sears Roe (Chicago and Kentucky), rently professional pl grapher, is not heir to estate. That distinction bel to his elder brother, Viscount Weymouth, who in Longleat's west wing.

The new PA and his wife daughter live in the villag Horningsham, practically side the Longleat gates. says: "I've always known L leat won't be mine, so never put off learning abo It's while my father is that I have had to grab opportunity of learning entire history."

Satellites come in all shapes and sizes, but Uganda has one that is unique because it is earthbound. The Uganda Weekly N reports that one of its intelligence satellites has sighted 16 warships in one of the East African harbours along the Indian Ocean. A military spokesman says the ships are thought to belong to the British Army or the American Army (nothing as prosaic as the navy) and that they are carrying "reactionar forces with an intention to attack progressive countries like Uganda or Ethipia". The satellite, adds the spokesman, "shoul *not be mistaken for the one in Arda. This one is quite differen* and situated in some secret place in, [not above], Uganda".

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THE GUILLOTINE AGAIN

he way in which the House of ommons has been dealing with he Scotland Bill has not been good advertisement for guillo ining major constitutional easures. So there is bound to e considerable unease over the overnment's proposal to guillo ine the European Assembly lections Bill. The protests have ome particularly from those ho intend to fight the Bill the hole way. That was only to be xpected. But the case for the uillotine is in fact weaker in is instance than it was for the cotland Bill. The justification r introducing the guillotine for at was that the experience of e Scotland and Wales Bill in e previous session had shown at there was not the slightest ospect of any measure for rliamentary devolution getting to the statute book unless ere was a timetable for debate. e time allowed has turned out be inadequate, but that basic oposition has not been disoved.

In the case of the direct ections Bill the case for the illotine rests not so much on at has happened as on what would be reasonable to ppose would otherwise happen. t the supposition may be consted. It is not just that there s been no filibustering yet—hough there have been many endments they have all been evant and chosen according to accepted procedure—but ce the method of election has en settled, there will not be much to come as is sometimes ought. The whole of part two deals with the regional list system and naturally falls now that that has been rejected. As there is clearly a majority in the House actively wanting the Bill to be passed, an assumption that cannot be made over the Scotland Bill, it ought in theory to be easier for closure motions to be passed—though the Conservatives might not be averse to taking the opportunity to mess up the Government's legislative timetable. Also there is not the same need for the Government to fear that this Bill will be delayed in the Lords.

None the less, there is a substantial minority in the House that is determined to block the Bill if at all possible—and even without overt filibustering they should not be short of opportunities. It may well be therefore that a guillotine is necessary if the Bill is to be passed. But if it is to be justified as a preemptive strike at this stage then the Government will have to provide more than the three further days that they have proposed. Experience over the Scotland Bill has demonstrated how easily the essential minimum of debate can be stifled.

There is, indeed, a deeper lesson to be learnt from the difficulties over both these Bills. It is the accepted practice that the committee stage of constitutional Bills should be taken on the floor of the House on the grounds that no member ought to be barred from debating the details of measures of such consequence and that they deserve the very fullest treatment that the House can give. Unfortunately, these two principles appear to conflict in practice.

The whole House is too large and unwieldy a body to conduct the sustained, detailed examination of any highly complex legislation, constitutional or otherwise. It is well fitted to consider great issues and broad principles, which is why the second reading of any Bill is debated on the floor of the chamber before it goes into committee. But the effect of leaving it to the whole House to go through a complicated Bill clause by clause is to take up so much time that, even without filibustering, it becomes impossible to consider all of them properly if the legislation is ever to be passed. No manager of the parliamentary timetable could allow one Bill to monopolize the floor of the chamber for too long, whereas a committee can devote its time to one measure without blocking anything else. There is also a much better chance that a committee will give any intricate legislation the concentrated attention it deserves.

So with the best of intentions a procedure has been adopted for constitutional Bills that makes it less probable that they will receive the careful treatment that they are thought especially to require. It is one more example of the principle that is becoming more widely accepted these days that the House needs to divide into committees whenever it has to cope with complicated detail. If all MPs want to get into the act on those occasions then the job just cannot be done effectively.

HE OUTLOOK CHANGES IN BOLIVIA

e campaign for this July's esidential election in Bolivia s been transformed by the heavals of the past few weeks. a result of the success of the ger strike, which was started a handful of miners' wives l spread until more than 1,000 ple were taking part, the litary Government of President Hugo Banzer has been ced to include many of its -wing opponents in its nesty. Several of them are minent former politicians, l their return from exile is ng to give a new look to the ivian political scene. At the e time the Government has ided to lift its ban on trade on activities, so that union lers who have been acting destinely can now come out the open. The tin miners' n, which has a key role use of the country's depend e on tin exports, has already brated with a press confer e in its La Paz offices this k.

hen President Banzer inally announced the election year, the assumption was he would be a candidate elf, and that, given the rol of the armed forces, he d have little difficulty in ing. The move was in line the attempts of other ary governments in the area roject a more democratic e. The Bolivian regime has rticularly harsh record of ssion, which began when ral Banzer took over in and has included arbitrary t, torture and savage sals against protest demon ons, whether by peasants iners. The Roman Catholic rchy, which tends to be rvative, has been sharply critical of its social policies for not doing more for the many poor people in the country.

Last month, however, President Banzer announced that he would not be a candidate, but would remain in uniform as commander-in-chief of the armed forces, a post that has been revived for him. The presumption is that he regards that as a stronger power base for the future, given the political instability of Bolivia. In his place, General Juan Pereda Asbún, an air force officer, is to be the official candidate, and will face any candidates that are put forward by Bolivia's traditional political parties. This is a more uncertain prospect than it seemed at one time. The two main parties, the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) and the Falange Socialista Boliviana (FSB), had been expected to agree to terms under which they would support the official candidate. But in view of the Government's disarray over the hunger strike, they are now more reluctant.

Bolivia is a thinly populated country of some 4,700,000 people, scattered across the rugged scenery of the Andes. Before the Spanish arrived, it came under the influence of the Incas, and it still has a large Indian population, most of whom live in great poverty. In recent years it has made some progress in overcoming its natural disadvantages. As a result of the relative stability given by the military regime, it has managed to attract foreign investment, much of it from the United States and Brazil. But it has not succeeded in overcoming its dependence on tin, in spite of the discovery of some oil, and it suffers from geographical regional differences.

Above all, it lacks an outlet to the sea. In the War of the Pacific, fought in 1879, Chile defeated both Peru and Bolivia and deprived Bolivia of a strip of land along the Pacific coast. Echoes of the war still sound in people's minds in all three countries, especially as the centenary approaches, and there have been negotiations, so far unsuccessful, to try to find a way to meet Bolivia's need for access to the Pacific.

The extent of the hunger strike clearly took the Government by surprise, and this must have accounted for its ineptitude in handling it. Its initial reaction was to stand out against the demands being made, and as it grew, to take a hard line by sending troops into churches and other buildings where the hunger strikers were being looked after. But this caused a strong reaction, particularly from the Church, and the Government was forced to concede most of the demands of those taking part—hardly an impressive position for a military government.

The outcome is undoubtedly a more democratic election campaign, since many of the leftists that the military wanted to keep out will now be taking part. It also means that trade union activity is likely to be resumed, though troops are to remain in the tin mines. The question is whether this is more democracy than President Banzer, or other members of the armed forces, want to see in Bolivia. President Banzer has already threatened in the past to call off the election altogether if opposition movements persisted in their demands for more freedom. It has still to be seen what he would *do* if an opposition candidate looked like winning.

nsing photocopying

the Chairman of the British ght Council

The recent correspondence the proposals in the Whitford for dealing with photocopy resents conflicts of interest are, in fact, more apparent real. Professor Beinard is ned that teachers should not their access to copyright al impeded; the Master of uel College draws attention financial loss suffered by s and publishers through the this new technology, and to sequential danger to the dis tion of knowledge; and con s expressed about the cost blanket licensing might im n libraries and universities. British Copyright Council nts virtually all creative whose works are protected yright, and their publishers. on behalf of the BCC, say se respective points of view oncilable? Authors do not l that their interests must all others; they do not wish to the public the benefits ntieth century technology. are themselves the bene of this technology; repro equipment, sound and video g apparatus, satellites, cable n, provide them with vast liences and challenging new, ndreamt of at the turn of ury.

e common feature of these is that the dimension of use hey make possible renders cticable for authors, indivi o protect their interests. In of music, composers recog ng ago—in France, in the of last century—that the rformance right could only istered collectively through licensing; today there is a le network of organisa ke the Performing Right in the United Kingdom, ich users can obtain from source permission to use any copyright musical

mmon knowledge that the hotocopying equipment is already extensive, and is growing. Authors are not seeking to restrict this development. They simply ask that when, through technology, such extensive use is made of their works, they are fairly remunerated for such use. As the example of the PRS shows, there is no reason why similar arrangements cannot be evolved for other kinds of use such as photocopying. Blanket licensing of photocopying rights will benefit the teacher by providing maximum access to copyright material, and it is in their interest to encourage this development. Under new copyright legislation, as proposed by Whitford, libraries and universities needing blanket licences would be protected against unreasonable terms by statutory arbitration machinery, just as the Performing Right Tribunal has protected the music user from excessive claims by licensing bodies; and the administrative cost to the licensees would be kept within reasonable limits by the use of sampling and other statistical procedures.

I believe that with good will Lord Wolfenden's Committee which is examining the problems of photocopying should be able to produce workable proposals which are fair to all the interests affected—the educator, researcher, librarian, author and, above all, the public.

Yours faithfully,

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January 20.

The Albany Trust

From Mr Antony Grey

Sir, As I was the Director of the Albany Trust, and also Honorary Secretary of the Sexual Law Reform Society, at the time when the Dutch Speijer Report was translated into English, may I be allowed to answer Dr S. E. Ellison of The Responsible Society (January 21)?

It is no secret that the Albany Trust was originally set up in 1958 by some executive committee members of the then Homosexual Law Reform Society in order to promote psychological health—especially that of the many people troubled over various aspects of their sexuality who approached the society for help. Nor is it any secret that some people, including myself, have been involved in the work of both bodies, just as occurs in many other charities and campaigning bodies which, for legal and practical purposes, retain separate identities. There is nothing sinister about such links; and to imply that of themselves they demonstrate self-evident abuse of charitable status or misuse of charitable funds is a strange new doctrine.

I have said elsewhere, and now repeat, that no public or charitable money was spent on translating the Speijer Report in 1970 (four years, incidentally, before the Albany Trust first received a government grant, and long before the Paedophile Information Exchange was founded). While I was Director of the Trust, until May, 1977, to my knowledge very few copies of the report were circulated to anybody. The extensive broadcasting of photocopies of the Speijer Report by PIE has certainly not been at the instigation or with the connivance of the Albany Trust.

It is really too bad of Dr Ellison and others to so shamelessly misrepresent the nature of the Speijer Report, which is not about paedophilia or the promotion of "adult sexual gratification with minors". Neither of Dr Ellison's quotations comes from the text of the report, but occur in attached Parliamentary papers. The main body of the report consists of a discussion by an eminent group of Dutch psychiatrists of the various factors (only one of which was the law) affecting the psychological development and mental health of homosexuals aged between 16 and 21—surely an entirely legitimate matter of concern to a body with the Albany Trust's terms of reference? I make no apology whatsoever for having had this important document translated into English.

Yours faithfully,

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January 21.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Control of the V&A Museum

From Mr Hugh Jenkins, MP for Putney (Labour)

Sir, Direct governmental control is not the cause of the V & A's difficulties.

When, as Minister, I asked the staff of the V & A at various levels whether, as now suggested by Lords Goodman and Gibson, they would like to stop being civil servants and come under a board of trustees, the answer was universally negative.

At that time we funded the museum at a sufficient level to enable it to do its job and it was generally felt that any change might well be for the worse.

Nevertheless, I was not happy with the museum set-up as a whole and was working towards the establishment of a Museums Council which would have performed a similar role in relation to museums and galleries to that carried out by the Arts Council for the rest of the arts.

It is in this direction rather than in the simple establishment of trustees for the V & A that the solution to a number of problems is to be found and it is to be hoped that this impetus has not altogether been lost.

Yours faithfully,

HUGH JENKINS,
House of Commons.
January 23.

From the Chairman of National Heritage

Sir, I am sure virtually all groups with an interest in museums will support the move to give the Victoria and Albert Museum a more sensible structure. But one must fervently hope that the Department of Education and Science will take the opportunity to review the whole haphazard structure of Britain's musems, rather than tackling the problem piecemeal.

For one thing, the position of the V & A is not the only anomaly. The Science Museum is in exactly the same position, and it would surely be prudent to rectify this at the same time.

Perhaps even more important is another point: that this would also be the ideal moment to take the opportunity of establishing a National Museums Council—advocated by the Wright Committee's report of 1973—as the apex of the national museums organization which this country has, sadly, never so *far* been given.

I think it is broadly correct to say that the Arts Council employs roughly 10 times as many permanent staff as the Crafts Council, and the Crafts Council employs 10 times as many permanent staff as the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries. This seems to display a distorted sense of priorities. Of course there are other anomalies in the way we try to pay for our museums (still, on balance, the finest in the world)—such as the telling point that the Smithsonian's annual budget is about 15 times as large as that of the British Museum—and not all of these can be rectified overnight. But it would surely be sensible to aim at a coherent and sensible plan instead of nibbling at it from year to year.

Yours sincerely,

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January 19.

Scots MPs at Westminster

From Lord Wilson of Langside, QC

Sir, Mr Rifkind's article on January 17 on the position of Scots MPs at Westminster should Parliament be so unwise as to approve the Scotland Bill, is both interesting and illuminating.

I venture only one comment for his consideration. The anomalous position of such MPs relative to their English colleagues is perhaps not "the fundamental defect in the government's proposals". Is it not, rather, one of several defects widely acknowledged and every day becoming more apparent?

The fundamental point is that the proposals, if enacted, would reduce rather than increase the efficiency and effectiveness of government in Scotland. When this becomes apparent the Assembly will command neither the confidence nor the allegiance of the Scottish people. It will be impossible to restore the *status quo* and the likeliest political beneficiaries will be the nationalists. The evidence supporting this judgment increases. The danger of the split up of the United Kingdom as a consequence of the enactment of the Bill is thus a real one.

Is it beyond hope that the many opponents of the Bill on the Labour side of the Commons will somehow secure its defeat, or have we indeed, as some assert, for the time being allowed our reserves of political courage and wisdom to fall too low?

I am, &c.,

WILSON OF LANGSIDE,
House of Lords.

Ulster judicature

From Mr W. G. Nalmey

Sir, I wish to emphasize the importance of the contribution made by Lord Belstead to the Second Reading debate in the House of Lords of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Bill [HL]. (January 19). The noble Lord—a former Minister at the Northern Ireland Office—rightly stressed the necessity of placing the control and direction of the courts administration under the Lord Chancellor rather than the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Office.

The Bill is intended by the Government to be the vehicle for a major reorganization of the courts in Northern Ireland, bringing them into line with the position in England and Wales since 1972; yet the role of the Secretary of State in the Bill as it stands is not in accord with the recommendations of the Beeching Report as implemented by the Courts Act, 1971. The unique constitutional position of the Lord Chancellor must be the cornerstone of any long-term reorganization of the courts in Northern Ireland.

Yours, etc,

W. G. NABNEY,
Faculty of Law,
Queen's University, Belfast.
January 23.

Broadcasting anti-apartheid propaganda

From Mr P. K. F. V. van der Byl

Sir, The current controversy over the British Government's decision to adopt the United Nations resolution calling on all member states to broadcast anti-apartheid propaganda to South Africa has naturally attracted attention in Rhodesia. Though we would not be the declared target of such inflammatory radio programmes, the transmissions would be clearly received in Rhodesia and there is always the possibility as shown by certain unfortunate BBC broadcasts to Portugal at a particularly delicate stage in the transition process there, that some elements could seek to prejudice the outcome of our continuing settlement negotiations.

It is therefore encouraging to note that a BBC spokesman is reliably quoted as saying "Obviously, we would resist any attempt to force us to put out material prepared elsewhere and for propaganda purposes. We are not a government broadcasting organization and we do not relay propaganda. We broadcast impartial news and independent balanced commentaries on it". Though opinions sometimes vary as to the success of the BBC in fulfilling this laudable aim, the British Government and its supporters appear to contest the validity of this policy.

In fact, this comes as no surprise in the light of the actions of an earlier Labour Government in setting up the Francistown radio in December 1965 with the purpose of fomenting revolution in Rhodesia. Readers of *The Times* will recall that the radio station was established by the Diplomatic Wireless Service for the British Information Services, and staffed by leading BBC personnel. Head of the service was Mr Harold Robins, who worked with Mr Sefton Delmer on "black" psychological warfare against Germany during the last war.

In July 1966, the Rhodesian Government published selected transcripts from Francistown broadcasts in a booklet, *Murder by Radio*, which was, however, mainly devoted to the vitriolic incitements to violence transmitted from Zambia. During the course of a fairly recent visit to Rhodesia, Mr David Witherow of the BBC agreed that the function of the Francistown radio had been propagandist and inflammatory.

The estimated cost of these broadcasts during the 27 months of transmission from Francistown was over £1 million. Though it is not yet known what budget the British Government intends to allocate to propaganda broadcasts in this part of the world, nor how the Foreign Office might operate in this case, it might be advisable for the British Government to consider whether the Francistown radio had any discernible effect.

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant,

PIETER VAN DER BYL,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Minister of Information, Immigration and Tourism,
Salisbury,
Rhodesia.
January 11.

Spina bifida children

From Mr Ian Kennedy

Sir, On January 9 I suggested there should be public discussion of the issue of the treatment or nontreatment of babies born severly handicapped by spina bifida. The response, mostly from doctors, has been less than warm. Two themes have recurred: first, problems such as this are properly for the doctor and/or parents; second, there's no need for a debate. Another theme has been to demonstrate the weakness of arguments I did not in fact advance. Because I feel the issues involved are important, I would welcome the opportunity to reply briefly.

First, I did not say that *all* moral problems will disappear the moment *in utero* screening is widespread, merely the problem raised in the Nottingham cases. It is clear to all who work in this field that amniocentesis and genetic screening raise as many moral, and medical, problems as they solve. Indeed, they merely serve to shift the same agonizing problem to another time and place. Instead of to treat or not, it becomes to abort or not. It should be recalled in passing that we *have* had massive public discussion of the issue of abortion and have reached something of a consensus. Abortion is now considered a socially and legally approved response for those who desire it.

Second, it must be clear beyond peradventure that issues such as the nontreatment of babies are not scientific but moral.

Third, if they are moral issues, who should resolve them? There are obvious weaknesses in the case for leaving them to the doctor and/or parents. The doctor; society has no right to thrust this awful burden on to the doctor, equally the doctor has no special claim to assert and apply particular moral judgments. The doctor and parents; who is to prevail if they disagree? The parents; there should be, and is, a limit to the extent to which parents may determine the fate of children. As Cardozo said, parents may make martyrs of themselves but not of their children.

Remember we are talking about the continued existence of the child. The child's interest must be weighed. This can only be done by discussing the matter openly and seeking to arrive at some sort of consensus. It goes without saying that, of course, we must give due weight to the views of those with first-hand experience.

We have debated other such problems and arrived at some sort of agreement, eg: abortion, sterilization, euthanasia, so why not this problem also?

Yours faithfully,

IAN KENNEDY,
Faculty of Laws,
University of London
King's College,
Strand, WC2.

European Parliament site

From Mr R. K. Dibble

Sir, Colocation of the directly elected European Parliament with the Commission and the Council of Ministers in Brussels is most important if that Parliament is to work effectively.

Claims from Luxembourg and Strasbourg to house the new Parliament, although understandable in terms of local interests, must not be allowed to prevail.

With the new Parliament building in Brussels, close and enduring contracts with the Commission and Council of Ministers at all working levels will be facilitated. Time, money and efficiency lost in communicating and travelling between constituencies, national capitals, Luxembourg, Strasbourg and Brussels, under the present unsatisfactory arrangements, will be greatly reduced.

The fixing of the European Parliament in Brussels is as necessary for the growth of democracy in the European Community as direct elections themselves.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT DIBBLE,
7 The Hall,
Foxes Dale,
Blackheath, SE3.
January 20.

Reading the metre

From Sir David Hunt

Sir, Sir Richard Dobson in his letter in your issue of January 11 may think that he is taking me on; in fact I agree with everything he says. I never dreamed of suggesting that a knowledge of Greek prosody is necessary for the appreciation of English poetry, though I suppose the misunderstanding is partly my fault because I casually mentioned a trochee. I vigorously applaud his closing sentiment that "one should first master the metre or rhythm but not, thereafter, shirk the more difficult task of keeping it in its proper unobtrusive place".

Some people, though not Sir Richard, have supposed that I think all poetry should be in formal metre. On the contrary, I enjoy free verse, though it is more difficult to write well than some practitioners think. The point I was trying to make was a different one. Could I ask you to allow me to illustrate it?

Not long ago I saw the opening lines of a Wordsworth sonnet quoted in this form:

There are two voices:
One of them is of the sea and the
other is of the mountains;
Each of them is a mighty voice.

The man who made the quotation, very appositely, was certainly a well educated man with a taste for poetry, but the idea had plainly never entered his head that any poet ever wrote in anything but free verse. I have even seen a limerick, the best known of all verse-forms, printed in a manner that showed total unawareness of its metre and rhyming scheme. Incidentally, I am no mathematical genius, as some viewers may have noticed, but I think that, if we are to be so perverse as to apply Greek prosody to the limerick, then Sir Richard has miscounted his anapaests and spondees.

My object in writing to you originally was merely to point out an area of ignorance. As Sir Richard says, the first thing necessary is "to master the metre"; thereafter you can play it down or play it up as you choose; but before you can do that you must realize that such a thing exists.

Yours faithfully,

DAVID HUNT,
Old Place,
East Wing,
Lindfield,
Sussex.
January 23.

Music on Radio 3

From Sir Thomas Armstrong, and others

Sir, Please pay no attention to Mr Barry Fantoni (article, January 21). We in this household are glad to hear a Schubert Symphony at seven in the morning; and if there's a better start to the day than Brandenburg No 3 we should like to know about it. And think of the possible alternatives, a party political broadcast, or a ball-by-ball commentary from Pakistan.

Yours truly,

THOMAS ARMSTRONG,
HESTER ARMSTRONG,
D. BYRD,
JANET L. MOON,
J. P. HANSON,
Newton Blossomville,
Turvey,
Bedford.
January 23.

From Professor Mary Lago

Sir, Your writer asks who wants to hear a Schumann symphony first thing in the morning. I do, for one, and anything else that Radio 3 wishes to offer at any hour. It is one of Britain's cultural advantages to which I look forward as a part of my annual visits here.

I wish I could arrange an exchange that would be all benefit to me and would make your writer deliriously happy: I would take Radio 3 home with me to the States, and he could have all the mindless American radio stations that provide a steady diet of jazz, pop, and commercials around the clock.

Sincerely yours,

MARY LAGO,
Associate Professor,
University of Missouri-Columbia,
231 Arts & Science,
Columbia,
Missouri 65201.
January 21.

From Mr Richard Osborne

Sir, Mr Barry Fantoni proposes (January 21) that BBC Radio 3 should be discouraged from playing us Schubert's Second Symphony at seven o'clock in the morning. Would he have us shoot the dawn chorus, too?

Yours faithfully,

RICHARD OSBORNE,
Old Rectory,
Bradfield, Berkshire.
January 22.

The Churches and racial issues

From Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP for Chelmsford (Conservative)

Sir, If Mr Ronald Butt's percipient comments (January 19) on the unbalanced and emotive statement issued by the Catholic Commission for Racial Justice on the case of Mr John Kingsley Read, which demanded the resignation of Judge McKinnon, required any justification, it would be provided by the equally vituperative letter from four members of the Commission which you publish today (January 23).

Because I ventured to suggest that it was inappropriate for an official body, described, in the Catholic Directory, as a subcommittee of the Bishops' Conference, to take such a partisan view and express it on behalf of the whole Catholic community in Britain, I, along with Mr Butt, have been subjected by your correspondents to a cataract of abuse. I am guilty apparently of "ignoring the feelings of the black community", "complacency", turning "a blind eye to the injustices suffered by minority groups" and then am exhorted in bullying tones to "explain when standing up for racial justice ceased to be the responsibility of all Christians" and finally bludgeoned over the head with of all things a reference to "the mind of Christ" in a document issued by the Second Vatican Council.

Most reasonable people may well wonder whether those who can write in such terms are really best equipped to promote peace, harmony and justice between the races. Since I made my maiden speech on the subject of racial justice, founded along with Mr Roy Hattersley an all party group to secure fair treatment for immigrants, and was one of the few Members of Parliament to vote against the measure taking away the rights of East African Asians holding British passports. I have an uneasy feeling that they may be firing at the wrong target. What on earth would they say if they concentrated their fire on the right one!

I reiterate the original point of my complaint: justice and equality between the races in Britain is a legitimate subject for temperate comment by an official Catholic body, a campaign for the resignation of Judge McKinnon is not. Even less so is the unsubstantiated allegation that there are other judges with "dangerous attitudes" on race relations who should be condemned by the Catholics of England.

What is important now is that the Bishops' Conference should make it clear whether this document represents their views or not, and whether it was issued with their authority or not? Why has the episcopal member of the Commission, Bishop Cleary, who presumably presides over the Commission, been totally silent? Does he agree with it?

Perhaps I may also make a respectful suggestion to Cardinal Hume, Archbishop Dwyer and other members of the Catholic Hierarchy. Instead of making use of appointed and unrepresentative commissions exclusively to advise them on social and political matters, would it not be wise at times to consult on these matters the one body of Catholics who are actually elected (we have no synod) namely the Catholic Members of Parliament of all parties?

Yours faithfully,

NORMAN ST JOHN-STEVAS,
House of Commons.
January 23.

Explaining psychic effects

From Mr Arthur C. Clarke

Sir, Bernard Levin is barking up the wrong tree. Many scientists think that *some* paranormal phenomena may be real and important, and it is precisely because of this that they get angry with the hoaxers and their credulous dupes. (To avoid libel, I will mention only Lodge, Doyle and Crookes. . . .)

As for the engaging Uri Geller, it must be difficult for him to keep a straight face when he reads the literature he has generated. Mr Levin should study the testimony of those scientists who first endorsed him, then had second thoughts. He might start at the *New Scientist* offices; but the best antidote is "Randi's" *The Magic of Uri Geller*, or almost any issue of the *Zetetic* (Box 29, Kensington Station, Buffalo, New York 14215).

If, after this treatment, he still believes in bent spoons, let me demonstrate to Mr Levin my own remarkable powers of retrospective telekinesis. It takes three days for *The Times* to reach Colombo; yet if he looks again at his January 6 article, Bernard Levin should be most impressed by the fact that I have not only inserted my own name in *The Times* Diary immediately beneath it, but have cunningly misspelt that of my dear rival, Dr Asimov. . . .

For my next act, I will convince B. Levin that G. Verdi published his lesser works under the pseudonym R. Wagner. . . .

Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR C. CLARKE,
25 Barnes Place,
Colombo 7,
Sri Lanka.
January 16.

Vicarial bounds

From The Reverend Reginald Lee

Sir, If, in using the word "record", Mr D. L. Carter (January 23) means the record number of churches in the charge of one incumbent, then the answer to his question is in the negative.

As a contender for such a record, the Tarrant Valley Benefice here in Dorset should merit serious consideration. This benefice contains the churches of Tarrant Gunville, Tarrant Hinton, Tarrant Monkton, Tarrant Rushton, Tarrant Keynston and Tarrant Crawford and runs throughout the whole length of this beautiful valley.

Yours faithfully,

REGINALD LEE,
The Vicarage,
Sturminster Marshall,
Near Wimborne, Dorset.
January 23.

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK

January 24: The Queen was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Adeane at the Memorial Service for the Baroness Spencer-Churchill which was held at Westminster Abbey today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Lord Rupert Nevill.

Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE

January 24: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Sir Martin Gilliat at the Memorial Service for the Baroness Spencer-Churchill which was held at Westminster Abbey today.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston has succeeded the Hon Mrs John Mulholland as Lady-in-Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE

January 24: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland at the Memorial Service for the Baroness Spencer-Churchill which was held at Westminster Abbey today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

January 24: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present at the Memorial Service for the Baroness Spencer-Churchill which was held at Westminster Abbey today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Tony Bedford will be held at St Lawrence Jewry, London, EC2, on Thursday, January 26, 1978, at noon.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Richard P. Carr will be held on Tuesday, February 7, at noon in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, SW1.

The Prince of Wales, Lord of the Isles, will succeed Lord Maclean as president of the Highland Society of London with effect from March 21. 1978 is the society's bicentenary year.

The Queen will visit the Household Cavalry Regiment (Mounted) at Hyde Park Barracks on February 8.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, will attend meetings to discuss the 1980 Commonwealth Study Conference in Toronto, Canada, from February 10 to 12.

£9,400 for survey of rivers

Four unemployed biologists are wanted by the Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation to spend this summer doing an extensive survey of Gloucestershire rivers and streams.

The trust has been given a £9,400 grant by the Manpower Services Commission for the work, which will take eight months. Naturalists think an inspection of rarely cultivated lowland meadows bordering rivers will reveal a rich wildlife.

George Eliot appeal

The appeal for £2,000 to place a memorial to George Eliot in Westminster Abbey in 1980, the centenary of her death, has raised almost twice that amount in five months, and is now closed.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr O. L. Duke and Miss S.-A. Rumble

The engagement is announced between Oliver, son of Dr B. O. L. Duke, CBE, and Mrs Duke, of Upton Grey, Basingstoke, and Yens-sur-Morges, Switzerland, and Sally-Anne, eldest daughter of Captain John Rumble, Royal Navy, and Mrs Rumble, of Rockbourne, Fordingbridge.

Dr P. J. Fabricius and Miss E. A. Tinne

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Dr and Mrs J. Fabricius, of Woldingham, Surrey, and Emily, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. Tinne, of Gartcosh, Glasgow.

Mr A. R. Hargreaves and Miss F. S. Dottridge

The engagement is announced between Andrew Raikes, younger son of Colonel and Mrs D. W. Hargreaves, of Wellisford Manor, Wellington, Somerset, and Fiona Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. W. Dottridge, of Ridge Road, Durban.

Mr D. Johnson and Mrs L. Hinmers

A marriage has been arranged and will take place shortly between Derek Johnson and Leila Hinmers, both of Brill, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J. A. W. Schneider and Miss M. E. Carey Wilson

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. Schneider, of Kapellenbos, Antwerp, Belgium, and Mary, eldest daughter of Mrs E. J. Carey Wilson, of Halewell, Withington, Gloucestershire.

Marriages

Mr F. C. Goodall and Mrs V. Hendrikz

The marriage took place in Johannesburg on Saturday, January 21, between Mr Francis Goodall, of 41 Upper Montagu Street, London, W1, and Mrs Vivienne Hendrikz, of 131a First Avenue, Melville, Johannesburg.

***Lieutenant-Commander* M. D. Goodwin, RN, and Mrs A. D. Laurence**

The marriage took place on January 23 between Lieutenant-Commander Michael Goodwin, RN, and Mrs Anne Laurence.

Meeting

Royal African Society

The Lord Mayor of Manchester presided at an inaugural meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Royal African Society held at Manchester Town Hall yesterday. Mr J. P. G. Wathen, chairman of the society, introduced Mr G. N. Holtby, chairman, and Dr P. T. W. Baxter, vice-chairman, of the branch. Mr David Williams was the speaker.

Birthdays today

Dame Isobel Cripps, 87; Miss Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies, 82; Mr Ian Harvey, 64; Lord Morris of Grasmere, 80; Sir John Musker, 72; Sir Rowland Smith, 90; Baroness Tweedsmuir of Belhelvie, 63; Professor Edward Ullendorff, 58; Viscount Watkinson, 68; Admiral Sir Peter White, 59.

Latest appointment

Latest appointments include: Mr Nigel Vinson, aged 46, chairman of Plastic Coatings, to be a member of the Development Commission, in succession to the Marquess of Bute, who is resigning.

25 years ago

From the Times of Friday, Jan 23, 1953

Bomb sites scandal

A plan to end the scandal of the bomb sites was made by Mr A. S. Henderson, the Chief Commoner and chairman of the City lands committee, speaking last night at a dinner at the Mansion House, where the Lord Mayor, Sir Rupert De La Bere, MP, entertained members of the Court of Common Council and heads of the other governing bodies of the metropolis. It is time we got some more licences [Mr Henderson said]. If you came with me to the centre of the ward I represent on the Court of Common Council—the textile ward of Cripplegate—and looked in any direction you would see nothing but a vista of ruin and a warren of exposed cellars. You certainly would not see the first sign of a new road indicating the planning authority's activity nor would you see the first sign of a positive effort to end the scandal of the bomb sites. If it is agreed that we all want to see the City regain its position as the centre of the world's commerce, is it too much to ask that the great City of London should have some priority to enable the rebuilding of offices and warehouses to make this possible?

Duchy of Lancaster's great seals fetch £7,200

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The great seal minted in silver for the Duchy of Lancaster in 1910 and the companion great seal for the County Palatine of Lancaster were offered for sale at Christie's yesterday, the first time that seals of the duchy have been offered at auction. Both were secured by Baldwin, the London coin dealer, the former at £3,800 and the latter at £3,400; they had been estimated at £3,000 to £4,000 each.

Since about the seventeenth century it has been the custom when new seals were introduced that the old ones should be given to the chancellor of the duchy then in office, after being defaced by the monarch. Those in yesterday's sale became the property of the first Viscount Davidson in that way in 1936. His son, the second viscount, who consigned them to Christie's for sale, recounts that his father was required to take them to Buckingham Palace, where they were formally defaced with a hammer by Edward VIII in the brief months before his abdication.

It is very rare for great seals of any kind to survive; in the past they tended to be more thoroughly defaced or melted down. One side of the double-sided matrix minted in 1860 as the great seal of England was sold exactly a year ago at Christie's and realized £3,000: it is now in the British Museum. Baldwin, the dealer who bought the two seals yesterday, often acts for museums and they may be destined for Lancaster.

The sale also contained a very rare Scottish gold £3 piece of 1555 at £4,000 (estimate £1,800 to £2,000), going to Ericksen, a Dutch dealer. Another curiosity was the only gold coin ever minted for the German principality of Thurn und Taxis, a one-ducat piece of 1734. It was sold for £860 (estimate £400 to £500) to Bord, a London dealer.

Christie's yesterday completed dispersal of the contents of Charleville, a fine eighteenth-century house in co Wicklow, a sale held in conjunction with Hamilton and Hamilton of Dublin. Every one of the 540 lots offered has been sold and the two-day sale, which was expected to make about £200,000, has in fact realized £289,800.

Yesterday's session added £56,903 to the total. The top price was £2,400 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500) for an Irish George III mahogany bureau-cabinet.

At Sotheby's yesterday a sale of oriental ceramics and works of art made £27,284, with 8 per cent unsold. One owner had a pleasant surprise when two six-inch ivory figures, one a maiden and one a sage, dated to the seventeenth or eighteenth century, made £640 (estimate £30 to £120). At Sotheby's Belgravia a sale of Victorian paintings and drawings made £24,722, with 4 per cent unsold.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, was host yesterday at a government luncheon held in honour of Mr Trpe Jakovlevski, President of the Federal Committee for Science and Culture, Yugoslavia, and Mrs Jakovlevska. Among the guests were:

Mr B. Manic, Mrs R. Nikolic, the Yugoslav Ambassador and Mme Berisavljevic, M and Mme J. Premeru; the Minister for the Arts and Lady Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Sir John Llewellyn, Sir Alexander and Lady Glen, Dr H. T. Hookway, Mr Roy Shaw, Dr D. M. Wilson and Dr M. G. P. Stoker.

Law Society

The Vice-President of the Law Society, Mr J. C. Palmer, held a luncheon party at 60 Carey Street yesterday. The guests included:

Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Goodman, Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, MP, Mr J. H. Field, Mr Gordon Graham, Mr Ian B. Wallace, Mr J. C. Stebbings, Mr J. D. Bolton and Mr J. L. Bowron.

Baroness Serota

Baroness Serota, Chairman of the Commission for Local Administration in England, entertained the chairman, Mr Michael Davison, MPP, members and their ladies, and officers of the Ontario Select Committee on the Ombudsman at luncheon yesterday in the House of Lords. Other guests were:

The Earl of Gainsborough, Viscount Amory, Sir Idwal Pugh, Sir Duncan Lock, Mr D. B. Harrison, Mr D. Jones-Williams, Mr P. Molloy and Mr M. R. Hyde.

Receptions

Bloodstock and Racehorse Industries Confederation

Mr Jerry Wiggin, MP, was host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons for the Bloodstock and Racehorse Industries Confederation. The guests included Dr Shirley Summerskill, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, Sir Desmond Plummer, Chairman of the Horserace Betting Levy Board, and other representatives of the racing authorities, members of both Houses of Parliament. Dame Elizabeth Ackroyd, Chairman of BRIC, and other members of BRIC, and members of the racing press.

Senhora Campos

The Brazilian Ambassador and Senhora Roberto Campos gave a reception on January 19, to mark the publication of the English versions of *Christ's Memorial*, by Senhora Dinah Silveira de Queiroz, and *Trash*, by Senhor José Americo de Almeida, well-known Brazilian writers. Among those present were:

Senhora Dinah Silveira de Queiroz, the authoress, and her husband, Ambassador Dario Castro Alves, Mr Placido Domingo, Lord and Lady Stamp, Lord and Lady Mowbray and Stourton, Sir John and Lady Hunt, and publishers, writers and representatives of the press.

Dinner

Britain-Australia Society

The annual dinner of the Britain-Australia Society to mark Australia Day (January 26) was held at the Dorchester hotel yesterday. Lord Carrington presided and the guests of honour were the High Commissioner for Australia and Lady Freeth and Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow. Other guests included:

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Sir Michael and Lady Parsons, Sir John and Lady Prideaux, Sir David and Lady Fairbairn, Sir John Young, Mr W. Brooks, Mr and Mrs Michael Cook, Mr and Mrs Philip Crawshaw and Mr E. W. Swanton.

Service dinner

RNAS, Yeovilton

A dinner was held in the wardroom mess at Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton, last night. The guest of honour was Rear-Admiral J. O. Roberts, who retires soon as Flag Officer Naval Air Command. Commander M. Fulford-Dobson, RN, presided.

University news

Oxford

Elections:

BALLIOL COLLEGE. Tutorial fellowship in philosophy: J. Barnes, MA, fellow and tutor in philosophy, Oriel College, from 1968, scholar of Balliol College, 1961-66; Dyson junior research fellowship in Greek culture: D. P. Fowler, BA, Christ Church; 1851 research fellowship in pattern recognition: J. Kittler, BA, PhD (Cantab), Royal Society European exchange fellow at Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Télécommunications, Paris.

ST HUGH'S COLLEGE. Tutorial Fellowship in Geography: J. C. Wilkinson, MA, D Phil; tutorial fellowship in medicine: J. F. Morris, BSc, Bristol, ChB, MD.

Cambridge

The following honorary degrees will be conferred at a congregation on June 9:

LLD: Mr Kingman Brewster, United States Ambassador; H. L. A. Hart, Principal of Brasenose College, Oxford; S. Kuttner, professor of history and canon law, California University.

DSc: Dr G. D. H. Bell, honorary fellow of Selwyn College and formerly director of the Plant Breeding Institute; Sir Andrew Huxley, honorary fellow of Trinity College, Royal Society Research Professor in physiology, University College London; J-P Serre, professor of algebra and geometry, Collège de France.

DLitt: T. H. Marshall, of Trinity College, emeritus professor of sociology, London University; W. V. O. Quine, Edgar Pierce professor of philosophy, Harvard University.

Glasgow

Grants

£35,440 from the Ministry of Overseas Development to Professor K. Vickerman for studies of antigenic variability, infectivity and ultrastructure of cyclically transmitted trypanosomes.

£47,193 from the Manpower Services Commission to Professor G. T. Stewart for combined health education action project for Glasgow.

£15,000 from Schering Chemicals to Dr R. Lindsay, for study of calcium metabolism in post-menopausal patients receiving oestrogen, combined oestrogen progestogen and progestogen therapy.

Strathclyde

A five-year degree course is to be introduced in October to train engineers for senior management jobs. The course will lead to a double honours degree in science and engineering.

Today's engagements

The Queen visits RAF Marham, 11.30.

Talks: "Gustave Courbet, his Life and art", Jack Lindsay, Arts Council Shop, 28 Sackville Street, Piccadilly, 1; "Great Collections of the World: Musée Marmottan, Paris", National Gallery lecture theatre, Trafalgar Square, 1.

BBC concert, Concert Hall, Broadcasting House: Walton, Schubert, with Elizabeth Hunt and Graham Johnson, 1.05-2.

Museum of London, London Wall: "From Village to Suburb" series, Wapping to Limehouse, Kevin McDonnell, 1.10.

Modern poets, lecture with readings: "Philip Larkin" by Professor Christopher Ricks, 26 Russell Square, Bloomsbury, 6.30-8.

Lunchtime music: St Martin Ludgate, piano recital, Mervyn Bocking, 1.15; St Bride's, Fleet Street, organ recital, R. A. Jenkinson, 1.15.

Exhibition: Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester University, Peter Lanyon, paintings, drawings and constructions 1937-64, 10-5.

Memorial service: Sir John Ritchie, St Pancras Old Church, Pancras Road, 11.30.

Latest wills

Mr Francis John Kendall, of Cardiff, left £21,853 net. He left his personal chattels to the Salvation Army, and the residue to the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Carvic, Mrs Phyllis Julia, of Appledore, Kent (Phyllis Neilson-Terry, the actress) .. £52,054

Kingsbury, Mrs Helen Emory, of Bournemouth £169,045

Livingston, Mr Robert, of Whitby, managing director .. £310,113

Memorial service

Baroness Spencer-Churchill

The Queen was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Adeane and the Duke of Edinburgh by Lord Rupert Nevill at a memorial service for Baroness Spencer-Churchill held in Westminster Abbey yesterday. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester by Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland and Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, by Lady Ariel Keith. Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy and Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, were present. The Archbishop of Canterbury pronounced the blessing and the Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev Dr E. F. Carpenter, officiated, assisted by the Rev Roger Job, precentor and sacrist, the Rev Philip Hayllar, and Canon Trevor Beeson. The Rev Dr Eric S. Abbott and Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP (grandson), read the lessons. The Apostolic Delegate, the Right Rev E. G. Knapp-Fisher, Canon David Edwards, Canon J. A. Baker, the Rev J. E. James, the Rev R. H. Turvey, the Rev A. McCabe and the Rev Neil Collings were robed and in the sanctuary. The Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister, the Speaker, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP, Mr Edward Heath, MP, Mr Harold Macmillan, OM, and Mr Jeremy Thorpe (representing the Leader of the Liberal Party and the National Benevolent Fund for the Aged) and Mrs Thorpe and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended. Among others present were:

Sarah, Lady Audley (daughter), Sir Christopher and the Hon Lady Soames (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Winston S. Churchill, the Hon Julian and Mrs Sandys, Mr Dennis Walters, MP, and the Hon Mrs Walters, Mrs James Barton, Mr Nicholas Soames, Miss Emma Soames, Mr Jeremy Soames and Mr Rupert Soames (grandchildren), Mark and Hugo Dixon, Justin and Dominic Walters, Randolph Churchill, Miss Jennie and Miss Marina Churchill and Jake Burton (great-grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Peregrine Churchill, Mr John Spencer-Churchill, the Countess of Avon, the Earl of Avon, the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, the Earl and Countess of Airlie, Lord and Lady Charles Spencer-Churchill, the Marquess of Blandford, Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill, the Hon Mrs Henley, Mrs J. Daniel, Mrs June Churchill, the Hon Hugo and Lady Caroline Waterhouse, Lady Rosemary Muir, Mr Alexander Muir, Mrs Richard Beckett, the Hon Mrs Gilmour, Lord Duncan-Sandys, Mr and Mrs Colin Crewe, Lord and Lady Dynevor, Hone Lady Dynevor, Mr Peter Cairns, Lady Ivor Spencer-Churchill, Mr Robert Spencer-Churchill, Miss Anna Gendel, Mr David James, MP, and the Hon Mrs James, Lady Leslie, Mr Tarka King, the Hon Mrs Palmer, Viscount Churchill, the Hon Mrs Hastings, Mr and Mrs Huizinga, Mr and Mrs Alexander Cheape, Mr and Mrs David Keith, Miss M. Mills.

Ambassadors, high commissioners and other members of the Diplomatic Corps; the Marquess and Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury, Elizabeth Marchioness of Salisbury, Earl and Countess De La Warr, the Earl of Birkenhead, the Countess of Birkenhead, Jo Countess of Onslow, Earl and Countess St Aldwyn, the Dowager Countess of Bessborough, the Earl and Countess of Cromer, the Earl of Drogheda, Viscount Mersey, Viscountess Devonport, Viscount Blakenham, Viscount Allendale, Aileen Viscountess Slim, Viscount Camrose, the Dowager Viscountess Davidson, Viscount and Viscountess Head, Joan Viscountess Ingleby, Viscountess Monckton of Brenchley, Lady Diana Cooper, Lady Rupert Nevill, Mrs Donald Coggan, Mrs G. Ellison (representing the Bishop of London), Baroness Sharp (representing the Order of the British Empire), the High Steward of Westminster and Lady Clitheroe.

Lady Hailes, Lady Lyell, Lord and Lady Redcliffe-Maud, Lord and Lady Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord and Lady Campbell of Croy, Lord Boston of Faversham, Baroness Elliot of Harwood, Lord and Lady Thorneycroft, Lord and Lady O'Neill of the Maine, Lord and Lady Hartwell, Baroness Macleod of Borve, Lord Margadale, Lord and Lady Gladwyn, Lady Sempill, Dorothy Lady Morris, Lord Fletcher, Lord and Lady Boyd-Carpenter, Lord and Lady Tranmire, Baroness Ward of North Tyneside, Lord and Lady Carrington, Lord Selwyn-Lloyd, QC, Lord and Lady Butler of Saffron Walden, Lord and Lady Cobbold, Lord Hastings.

The Secretary of State for Defence (also representing the Defence Council), Mr Humphrey Atkins, MP, and Mrs Atkins, Mr Reginald Maudling, MP, and Mrs Maudling, Sir Arthur Irvine, MP, and Lady Irvine, Miss Betty Harvie Anderson, MP, Mr Patrick Jenkin, MP, and Mrs Jenkin, Mr Maurice Macmillan, MP, and the Hon Dame Katharine Macmillan, Mr Julian Amery, MP, and Mrs Amery, Dr Dickson Mabon, MP, Mr Edward du Cann, MP, and Mrs du Cann, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Shakespeare, Sir Dingle Foot, QC, and Lady Foot, Lady Betty Cartwright, Lady Audrey Morris, the Hon Adam Butler, MP, the Hon Raymond Bonham Carter, the Hon Mark Bonham Carter, the Hon Mrs Seymour, the Hon Isabel Catto, the Hon Mrs Evetts, Lady (Fitzroy) Maclean, Sir Victor Seely, Sir Richard and Lady Thompson, Sir John Gilmour, MP, Sir Arthur Meyer, MP, and Lady Meyer, Sir Stuart Mallinson, Sir Clement and Lady Penruddock, Sir Richard Pim.

Sir John Peck, Sir Michael Palliser (representing the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and Lady Palliser, Lady (Arthur) Palliser, Sir Frank and Lady Roberts, Lady Rowan, Sir Percy and Lady Rugg, Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh, Lady (Oswald) Scott, Sir Nigel Fisher, MP, and Lady Fisher, Sir John Langford-Holt, MP, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham, Lady Birley, Sir Robert Bellinger (representing Officers of the Order of the British Empire), Sir Richard Bayliss, Brigadier Sir Noel Short, Sir John and Lady Tilney, Field Marshal Sir Gerald and Lady Templer, Sir Charles Taylor, Sir Robin Vanderfelt, General Sir Roland Gibbs, Professor Sir William and Lady Hawthorne, Sir Charles Johnston, Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, Sir David and Lady Lidderdale, Sir Donald and Lady Logan, Sir John and Lady Martin, Sir Trenchard Cox, Sir John and Lady Margaret Colville, Sir Fife Clark, Sir William Deakin, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Lady Dixon, Lady d'Erlanger.

The Very Rev D. Y. L. Day, SJ (representing the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Australia), Mr Frank and Lady Katharine Giles, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea, Mr J. Biggs-Davison, MP, Mr Michael Brotherton, MP, Dr Alan Glyn, MP, Mr A. P. Costain, MP, Mr P. Bottomley, MP, Mr N. St John-Stevas, MP, Mr Cyril D. Townsend, MP, Mr A. G. F. Hall-Davis, MP, and Mrs Hall-Davis, Mr David Howell, MP, Mr Victor Goodhew, MP, Mr Michael Mates, MP, Mr William Clark, MP, and Mrs Clark, Mr John Stokes, MP, Mr J. Stanley, MP, and Mrs Stanley, Mr Tom King, MP, Mr Peter Rost, MP, and Mrs Rost, Miss Janet Fookes, MP, Mr M. Neubert, MP, Mr J. R. Rathbone, MP, Mr P. Blaker, MP, and Mrs Blaker, Mr J. Ryman, MP, Mr Evelyn King, MP, Mr Andrew Bowden, MP, Mr Anthony Nelson, MP.

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon, Mrs S. L. Bayley, Mr J. H. Cordle, Mr Rupert Colville, Mrs P. Cazalet, Mr Piers Dixon, Major V. Le Fanu, Mr and Mrs B. de Ferranti, Commander Gilbert (representing HMS Hermes and ship's company) and Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Rupert Hambro, Mr James Hambro, Miss Judy Hutchinson, Colonel J. G. [illegible]-Montgomerie of Southannan, Brigadier R. G. Lewthwaite, Major-General and Mrs H. A. Lascelles, Mrs Peter Laycock, Miss Jane Montague-Browne, the Rev J. and Mrs Morris, Mr V. Montagu, Mr Christopher Nevill, Miss Angela Nevill, Mr O. Nemon, Miss D. Pugh, Miss M. Potter, Count Edward Raczynski, Mrs James de Rothschild, Miss Audrey Russell, Major-General J. M. Strawson, the Chevalier St Leger, Mrs K. Spencer, Sister E. Spencer, Mrs C. Williams, the Rev C. [illegible] and Mrs White, Count Grocholski (Anglo-Polish Society) and representatives of the Association of Churchill Fellows, the Lady Spencer-Churchill College of Education, the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, the British Red Cross Society, the Society of the Barons of the Cinque Ports, Berkhamsted School for Girls, the Westerham Society, the Churchill Club, Churchill Houses, International Churchill Society, Churchill College, Cambridge, the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and other organizations.

Marriage recalled: The centre point of the service was an extract from the sermon preached at the wedding of Lady Spencer-Churchill, then Miss Clementine Hozier, to Mr Churchill in 1908 (the Press Association reports). The wedding was in St Margaret's Westminster.

The words of that wedding sermon by Bishop Welldon, Churchill's old headmaster at Harrow, were prophetic.

"There must be in the statesman's life many times when he depends upon the love, the insight, the penetrating sympathy and devotion of his wife", the bishop had said.

At yesterday's service, the thirteenth anniversary of Sir Winston's death, Dr Carpenter, Dean of Westminster, said: "We rejoice in the love, support and loyalty which Clementine gave to her husband in times of adversity and in days of triumph; and in the mutual happiness and fulfilment of their near 60 years of married life".

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Liability for nuisance arising from natural causes

Leakey and Others v National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty

Before Mr Justice O'Conner

[Judgment delivered January 20]

The National Trust were held liable for nuisance resulting from earth, soil and tree stumps falling from the bank of an ancient hill fort which they own on to the properties of neighbours, although the movement of the earth was due to natural causes.

Mr Justice O'Connor gave judgment for Mr and Mrs Leslie Leakey, of Elm Glen, Burrowbridge, Bridgwater, Somerset, and Mr Edward Storey, of Hillside, Burrowbridge, in their action in nuisance against the National Trust as owners of Burrow Mump, (also known as Burrow Mound) or King Alfred's Fort), and awarded Mr and Mrs Leakey £50 damages and Mr Storey £2 nominal damages.

The National Trust had denied that they were liable for the soil and tree stumps which had fallen from a bank cut into Burrow Mump on to the plaintiff's houses.

Mr Hubert Dunn for the plaintiff; Mr Joseph Harper for the National Trust.

MR JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that the plaintiffs' houses backed on to a steep bank in Burrow Mump, a conical mound with a surface area of about nine acres. Mr Storey's house started as two cottages which probably came into existence at the beginning of the seventeenth century. Mr and Mrs Leakey's house was built in 1915, but there had previously been a cottage on the site. The sites had been levelled before the houses were built and it must have been necessary to cut into the side of the Mump.

His Lordship was satisfied that for 200 or 300 years the boundary lines of the plaintiffs' properties were at the bottom of the bank, which stood 15 to 20 feet high, and above the bank the Mump sloped up to a chapel on the summit. The bank therefore remained at all times in the possession of the owner of the Mump. It was impossible to say how much of the bank was natural and how much was man-made.

For a long time various quantities of matter had fallen down from the bank into the narrow backyards of the two houses. The National Trust became the owner of the Mump in 1945. In 1968, because of threatened action by Mr Storey because of incidents affecting his property, the National Trust agreed that the bank was part of their property and was causing danger to the houses. That dispute was eventually resolved.

Mr and Mrs Leakey bought their house in 1966. The bank behind the house was covered in grass, undergrowth and bits of hedge, and at the top there had been trees. Small falls continued until the drought of 1976 and the inordinately wet autumn of that year. A large crack appeared in the bank in September, 1976, and Mrs Leakey told the National Trust representative about it as she thought the bank might fall on to her house.

The National Trust replied that the cracking was due to natural movement and that they were not required to do anything about it. Mrs Leakey was prepared to share the cost of any necessary work with the National Trust, but that offer was rejected.

In October, 1976, there was a large fall on to the Leakeys' house and their solicitors asked the National Trust to remove the earth. They refused, claiming that they were not liable for what had occurred; but they gave the Leakeys a licence to go on to Burrow Mump to abate the nuisance to their property.

During the winter there were further falls, and the plaintiffs commenced proceedings against the National Trust for nuisance, requiring them to remove the earth and do any work necessary to prevent further falls. Interlocutory relief was granted and the National Trust carried out work in April, 1977, at a cost of £2,175. The movement of the bank had been due to natural causes, the rock of which the Mump was made being prone to gradual weathering which made it unstable. The National Trust appreciated that the bank was a threat to the plaintiffs' properties but denied liability.

The plaintiffs' case was that on those facts they were entitled to judgment. They claimed that the bank constituted a nuisance to their homes and that it did not matter that the nuisance had arisen from natural causes because the National Trust knew that they had a dangerous bank on their land and that they should have abated the nuisance. They relied on the Privy Council decision in the Australian case of *Goldman v Hargrave* ([1967] E AC 645).

The National Trust, while accepting the facts, contended that they were under no duty to keep their land in. They submitted that where the danger came from the condition of the land itself, rather than from something brought on to the land, there was no liability and they relied on *Pontardawe RDC v Moore-Gwyn* ([1929] 1 Ch 656). Mr Harper submitted that in so far as the Privy Council decision was not consistent with the *Pontardawe* case, it was only persuasive and should not be followed.

In *Goldman v Hargrave* a 100ft gum tree on the appellant's land was struck by lightning and he chopped it down to let the fire burn out. Changes in the weather revived the fire and spread it to his neighbours' properties, causing substantial damage. He claimed that as the fire was caused by natural causes he was under no duty to do anything about it. The trial judge accepted that submission and held that there was no cause of action in nuisance. The High Court of Australia reversed his decision, and on appeal to the Privy Council, Lord Wilberforce, in an opinion upholding the High Court, said (at p656): "[The case] is one where an occupier, faced with a hazard accidentally arising on his land, fails to act with reasonable prudence so as to remove the hazard. The issue is therefore whether in such a case the occupier is guilty of legal negligence, which involves the issue whether he is under a duty of care, and, if so, what is the scope of that duty. Their Lordships propose to deal with these issues as stated, without attempting to answer the disputable question whether if responsibility is established it should be brought under the heading of nuisance or placed in a separate category."

Mr Harper further submitted that the action could only be in negligence and not in nuisance. His Lordship could not accept that submission. The decision in *Goldman v Hargrave* considered causation in nuisance, but Lord Wilberforce said that in so far as the facts gave rise to a cause of action it would be unsuccessful unless negligence could be proved.

Counsel, basing himself on a passage in the dissenting judgment of Lord Justice Scrutton in *Job Edwards Ltd v Birmingham Navigations* [1924] 1 KB 341); which was approved by the House of Lords in *Sedleigh-Denfield v O'Callaghan* ([1940] AC 880), submitted that there was a distinction between land and something brought on to it. His Lordship was satisfied that such a distinction should not prevail in the law.

The *Sedleigh-Denfield* case established that a landowner was liable for a nuisance created by a trespasser of which he had knowledge if he failed to take reasonable steps to remove it. Mr Harper submitted on the facts of *Goldman v Hargrave* that, after the lightning had struck the tree, the appellant had interfered with the natural cause by chopping it down. That was not a real distinction. The Privy Council decided that in the circumstances there was a duty of care.

Was there such a duty in the present case? In the *Pontardawe* case the plaintiffs claimed damages for injury to their property and an abatement of nuisance from rocks falling down from the defendants' mountain on to their property. The defendants' submission that there was no cause of action because they had done nothing and the fall of the rocks was purely due to natural causes was upheld.

In *Giles v Walker* ((1890) 24 QBD 656) in which thistledown was blown from the defendant's land to the plaintiff's and caused damage, the Divisional Court held that the defendant owed no duty. During argument Lord Esher asked whether counsel could show the court a case in which a landowner was liable to remove something that had naturally come onto the land. There was no reply. But *Margate Pier and Harbour Proprietors v Margate Town Council* ((1869) 20 LT 564), where the harbour authority were held liable for nuisance caused by the natural accumulation of seaweed washed into the harbour, would have been a complete answer.

In *Neath RDC v Williams* ([1951] 1 KB 115), where the defendants' stream overflowed and flooded the plaintiffs' houses due to an accumulation of brush wood in the stream, he plaintiffs' action in nuisance was dismissed. Lord Goddard said, at p 123, that "It is well established that there is no common-law duty on the owners or occupiers of the land in the present case to do anything to the stream or to the bed of the stream provided that the existing obstruction was caused by natural and not artificial causes and that the stream is a natural and not an artificial one."

That case, however, could not stand with the development of the law in *Davey v Harrow Corporation* ([1958] 1 QB 60) in which the plaintiff brought an action for damages for nuisance resulting from damage caused to his house by roots from the defendants' trees. The Court of Appeal rejected the submission that the trees and the growth of the roots were natural and therefore there was no liability. It found that there was no distinction between planted and natural trees, and so the defendants were liable for the damage caused. Thus Lord Goddard, who presided, came to a different conclusion on things natural.

His Lordship concluded that the principle of the *Pontardawe* decision was not good law.

His Lordship was satisfied that the facts of the present case showed there was danger on the National Trust land of which they were well aware; that they were under a duty to take reasonable steps to ensure there was no harm to the plaintiffs' land; and that if they did not take those steps they were liable.

As to the extent of the National Trust's duty, his Lordship said that the approach of Lord Wilberforce in *Goldman v Hargrave*, at 6 663, was more favourable to them than that of other cases, e.g. the *Margate Pier and Harbour* case, which was approved in *Attorney General v Tod Heatley* ([1897] 1 Ch 560).

Applying those authorities to the facts of the present case, his Lordship said that the National Trust were well aware that the bank constituted a threat to the plaintiffs' properties below, and reasonable behaviour on their part required them to keep an eye on it. In fact when the crack appeared in the bank, it was specifically brought to the National Trust's attention. On advice the National Trust took the view that either the bank was not their property or that the crack and subsequent falls were natural occurrences for which they were not liable. In his Lordship's judgment that was not a reasonable attitude to adopt and, on his findings of law, they would have acted reasonably by accepting Mrs Leakey's offer.

The plaintiffs were entitled to judgment. If in the future there was any damage caused by a fall the National Trust would have to pay for it. There was no need to make a mandatory injunction to deal with the bank as the work had already been done on it.

Solicitors: Gamlens for Pardoe, David & Shaw, Bridgwater; Dawson & Co.

Warning to hooligans

Regina v Motley

Football hooligans convicted of offences of violence or damaging property should expect to lose their liberty, Lord Justice Lawton stated in the Court of Appeal.

The court dismissed an appeal against a borstal sentence by Gary Motley, aged 20, a labourer of Derby, who was convicted at Ipswich Crown Court (Judge Richards) of four counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm and damaging property arising from an incident on January 29, 1977, when missiles were thrown from a coach carrying Derby County supporters home from Colchester.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON, who was sitting with Mr Justice Swanwick and Mr Justice Gibson, said that every citizen knew of the problems arising from football supporters on Saturdays, and the Government had shown its concern by increasing the scale of fines imposable for that kind of offence, in the Criminal Law Act, 1977. But it was now manifest that sentences such as fines, community service orders, attendance sentence orders and probation had not curbed the activities of hooligans going to football matches.

The court had no hesitation in saying that offenders aged 17 and over should expect to lose their liberty if they were convicted of offences of violence or damaging property which ordinary folk would call vandalism. In the case of personal violence to other people, the offender should not return home for some time.

His Lordship was confident that if the courts imposed that policy for the rest of the current season, there would be an improvement next year. It had not been overlooked that courts must take into account mitigating circumstances, but such circumstances would have to be exceptional to stop a defendant being deprived of his liberty. It was no good his mother saying that he was a good boy at home, or that he worked hard.

There was more difficulty in the case of offenders between the ages of 14 and 17. Loss of liberty might not then be appropriate, but even so the courts should consider the imposition of a detention centre order. If no place was available in a detention centre, the courts would have to do their best within the limited powers they had. But it should be understood that disorderly conduct at football matches must stop, and the courts would see that it was stopped.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR WILLIAM BARCLAY

Influential religious writer

Professor William Barclay, CBE, Professor of Divinity and Biblical Criticism in the University of Glasgow from 1963 to 1974, who died yesterday at the age of 70, was one of the best known and best loved religious authors of his time. His commentaries gathered in a series known as the *Daily Study Bible* sold over 5 million copies. He contributed a page to each number of the *British Weekly* and of the two monthlies *Life and Work* and the *Expository Times* for many years, and was much in demand as a speaker to youth, army chaplains, and to study groups and conferences of all kinds.

Born in 1907, the son of a Bank of Scotland manager, he trained in classics and divinity at Dalziel High School, Motherwell, at Trinity College, Glasgow, and at Marburg University. From 1933-46 he was Minister of Trinity Church, Renfrew, and his pastoral instincts, then developed, were later expressed in a widely used series of paperbacked books of prayers for the "plain man". The years at Renfrew, befriending and reading, stored his mind with an apparently inexhaustible supply of homely anecdotes and literary allusions. He became editor of the *Scottish Sunday School Teacher*. Returning to academic work as a Lecturer in the University of Glasgow in 1947, he specialized in Hellenistic Greek. This provided a further store of illustrative material for his books, comparing the meanings of Greek words in their biblical and secular contexts. The University of Edinburgh honoured him with a Doctorate of Divinity, and he held the Bruce, Kerr and Croall Lectureships.

His first popular book was *A New Testament Wordbook* (1955), to which he later added similar studies. Like many of his later paperbacks, this grew out of his contributions to the *British Weekly*. A successful series of television talks in Lent 1965 was published as *A New People's Life of Jesus*, distilling the essence of larger books on *The Mind of Jesus*, *Crucified and Crowned* and *Jesus As They Saw Him*.

Journalism and speaking absorbed him so much that his academic work suffered, and in 1966 university duties crowded in upon him as Dean of the Faculty of Divinity, but books such as *Educational Ideals in the Ancient World*, or *Certain of the Philosophers* (on the Hellenistic background of the New Testament) showed the extent of his studies of Graeco Roman thought. He inclined to a moderately conservative view in biblical criticism, as was evident in his book on *The Firs Three Gospels*.

He published his own trans lation of the New Testamen in 1968, and was a member o the joint committee of the *Ne English Bible*.

He continued to write lucid thoughtful works on his chose subject year by year, amon them *Crucified and Crowned More Prayers for the Plai Man; Turning to God;* and i 1972 *Ethics in a Permissiv Society*. In 1972 appeared *Jesu of Nazareth* based on th Zefirelli film from the scrip by Anthony Burgess, Suz d'Amico and Zefirelli.

He was greatly loved as visitor throughout the Churc of Scotland and as a writer i many parts of the English-speak ing world. He was warml human, being an enthusiast student of railway history, collector of stamps, a watche of football matches, and a read of detective novels and popul newspapers. He hated to de cline any invitation from British address, so that wee ends and the university vac tions found him peripatetic, a though he was shy about ve turing abroad. He consistent overworked, sleeping little. H was, for example, honorary pr sident of the YMCA in Glasgo and honorary vice-president o the Boys Brigade. This outpou ing of human sympathy an evangelistic zeal may have bee due partly to his determinati not to be defeated by his de ness or by the great trage of his life, a daughter's ac dental death. Many thousan found in this ministry som thing of the Jesus about who he wrote.

He married Kather Barbara Gillespie. He is al survived by a son and daught whose doings provided mo charming touches in his ligh journalism.

PROFESSOR L. F. BATES

Professor Leslie Fleetwood Bates, CBE, FRS, Emeritus Professor of Physics at Nottingham University, died after a short illness on January 20. He was 80. He was born in March, 1897, at Kingswood, Bristol, and was educated at the Merchant Venturers School and the University of Bristol, where he read physics. On graduating from Bristol in 1916 he served as an army captain in charge of the X-ray laboratory of th e9th Division at Secunderabad, India, until 1920. In that year he returned to the University of Bristol to undertake research and was introduced to the study of magnetism by the late Dr A. P. Chattock. In 1922 he entered Trinity College, Cambridge, and joined the research group of the late Lord Rutherford. Here he completed a thesis for the degree of PhD concerned with the study of long range alpha particles.

On appointment to a lectureship in Physics at the University College of London he again took up researches in magnetism and his success was marked by his rapid promotion to Reader in Physics in 1930. In 1936 he was appointed Lancashire-Spencer Professor of Physics at the University College of Nottingham. Here he established an active and thriving research group which won an international reputation in the field of magnetism. In particular he became renowned for his work on permanent magnetic materials, the magneto-thermal effects accompanying magnetization and for his book, *Modern Magnetism*. He was also a pioneer in the application of Bitter pattern techniques to the study of magnetization processes in single crystal specimens of ferromagnetic materials. He was awarded the Holweck medal and prize in Paris in 1949

During the last war he acted as consultant adviser to the Inter-Services Research Bureau where he was particularly concerned with the problems of degaussing of ships, a period of his life that he liked to refer to as "cloaks and daggers". A memento of his association with the Admiralty was to be seen in his room in the form of a large ship's compass, which now has a proud position in the foyer of the Nottingham University physics department.

Professor Bates was always convinced of the need for close contact with students and staff alike. Until the numbers of applications got too large always interviewed every app cant for admission to department. Whenever possi the door of his room was l open so that staff and stude alike could approach whenever they felt the ne He regularly visited the tea ing laboratories, talking at levels to the students and d cussing with them th progress and any proble which they felt they h Research students of ma generations will remember kindly "and how are y getting on?" given in his s west-country accent which never lost. During the la years of his tenure of chair at Nottingham he w responsible for the building the large new Physics Depa ment which he was on y al to direct for about 18 mont before his retirement in 1964.

He was president of t Association of Universi Teachers from 1938-39, pre dent of the Physical Socie from 1950-52, Senior Scienti Adviser for Civil Defen North Midland Region fro 1951-72, for which he w created a CBE, Vice-Princi of the University College, No ingham, from 1944-46 in important period before t university received its Ro Charter, and Deputy Vi Chancellor of the University Nottingham from 1953-56. was secretary of the Magn ism Commission of the Int national Union of Pure a Applied Physics who sponsor the International Conferen on Magnetism at Nottingha in 1964.

On retirement in 1964 scarcely reduced his activity the scientific field although was saddened by the ea death of his wife, who h been a great support to hi He remained an active mem of many scientific committe and an examiner both undergraduates and posg duates for several universiti He was chairman of the imp tant Symbols Committee of Royal Society for many yea and was responsible producing its most recent pu lication on Quantities, Un and Symbols in 1975.

Those who had the privile to know him were impress not only by his devotion to subject but his wide kno ledge, his great fund of stori and his concern for othe The world of science has lo not only a distinguished scie tist but a gentleman of the o school.

JACK OAKIE

Jack Oakie, the chubby, cheerful comedian who appeared in scores of film musicals and films with a vaguely campus or football stadium background, died in hospital in Hollywood on January 23. He was 74.

Oakie had been retired for a number of years and had made his last film, a Doris Day-Rock Hudson comedy, *Lover Come Back*, in 1962. Perhaps the most durable film he appeared was *The Great Dictator*, in which he played the part of Napolinin, a thinly-veiled take off of Mussolini, performing with Charlie Chaplin, who had the role based on Hitler.

He was born Lewis Delaney Offield on Nov 12, 1903, in Sedalia, Missouri, and later the family moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma. It was at this time that his school friends christened him "Oakie" and to this he added the name Jack.

He began his career Broadway in 1925 as a dan in a George M. Cohan produ tion, *Little Nelly Kelly*. appeared in *Artists and Mode* and other stage productio and toured the vaudeville c cuit with Lulu McConnell.

In 1927 he went to Holl wood and met the director We ley Ruggles who put him work immediately in *Finde Keepers*, starring Laura Plante. Then Paramou engaged him to appear oppos Clara Bow in *The Fleet's I*.

Over the years he played numerable supporting parts such films as *College Humou The Big Broadcast of 193 Sitting Pretty; Colle Rhythm; Tin Pan Alley; Foo light Serenade; Hello, Frisc Hello;* and *Bowery to Broa way*, films in which you we likely to find Betty Grab Alice Faye and perhaps Geor Burns and Gracie Allen.

He leaves a widow, Victoria.

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surances that the Govern- 's efforts to develop an d strategy for industry d remain a priority were by the Chancellor last at a reception for chair- of 40 sector working es on manufacturing.

Healey has already held rking conference for heads e working parties, staged tely last week, to discuss dle of new reports on how rnment and industrialists ackle specific problems.

xt Wednesday, the Prime ster will act as chairman full National Economic lopment Council meeting a ministerial paper is to submitted outlining the nment's response to the gs of the various reports.

surge of activity is ed with hints that the -awaited Green Paper on riorities for using North oil resources could be ed, perhaps until after the et, or integrated with the ellor's Budget statement.

implications of using rces within industry forms gnificant part of the ury's first drafts, as does npact of North Sea bene- n exchange rate policy.

is understood that the ury is planning to release er document, probably in n, dealing with how hall and local government es outside conventional mic management can be nced in ways helpful to dustrial strategy.

s is related to such rs as education and plan- f local authority services. conomic ministers will be ht before the Neddy coun- m time to time to put up on how their departments sist industry.

Chancellor has agreed individual chairmen of ed working parties will be d to attend main Neddy il meetings to explain industry's particular on modernization. This is eriment.

or working parties are encouraged to employ ives and consultants to around industries and es explaining their objectives. This has already been tried in some indusuries.

The Treasury's view seems to be that euphoria about benefits of North Sea oil should not mask the fundamental problems of productivity, investment and corporate practices which have to be tackled after years of talk. The Chancellor at his meeting last week apparently made clear that the emphasis remained on creating a stable fiscal regime and avoiding sudden changes in direction.

Some useful indications have emerged from the 40 working party reports now in the Chancellor's hands and under study by the Department of Industry. One message seems to be that the Government should make changes in value-added tax or vehicle excise duty, with the views of domestic appliance and motor vehicle manufacturers much in mind. Recommendations have been made on alterations to credit controls.

It is significant that financial services and City institutions are now represented on at least six sector working parties, which, however, have tended in the latest study documents to concentrate on trading targets which they feel are attainable.

Some indication of the importance attached by the Treasury and the Department of Industry to the strategy exercise, much of which proceeds quietly out of public view, is in the weight of documents being placed before next week's Neddy council.

Besides a statement from the Chancellor, there will be Whitehall departmental staff appraisal of the main recommendations from the 40 sectoral reports, and a separate National Economic Development Office report on the main themes and implications for future work.

A paper from the TUC and the CBI is under consideration, and a separate document will deal with the problem of communicating the ideas and decisions of working parties to company work forces and line management.

Another report is due later in the year on the limited success experienced with selecting a few working parties for concentrated study of their problems.

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An excellent case could be made for all these demands but the plain fact was that they could not be met by the proceeds of North Sea oil alone.

Mr Barnett said: "Unless we believe that and act accordingly, whether we put the proceeds into a special fund or not, we will be on the road to disaster for this country."

The truth was that Britain had been losing out on exports for many years and had only got by because it had done so well on "invisibles".

The Duke of Kent, vice-chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, launched a new export campaign at the conference attended by 500 management and union representatives. Under the label "Export United" it is intended to maintain the impetus achieved by last year's Export Year campaign.

Among the speakers who welcomed the move were Mr John Greenborough, President of the Confederation of British Industry, and Mr Jack Jones, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union.

Mr Jones urged management to include more shop stewards in overseas selling missions. He said they could make a significant contribution by their knowledge of shop floor problems and delivery dates.

Mr Adrian Mann: Perils in short-term gains.

Underwriter warning on ship rates

By Richard Allen

A warning that world shipowners are being lured away from the London insurance market into the "unknown waters of cheaper markets" has been given by the Institute of London Underwriters.

Mr Adrian Mann, outgoing chairman of the ILU which represents the marine underwriters, apart from Lloyd's, said yesterday these groups could be gaining in the short-term at the risk of further perils.

By seeking cheaper rates shipowners could find themselves dealing with dubious companies which might dispute or even renege on claims. Other foreign insurers which had indulged in rate-cutting could quickly realize they had over-written and pull out of the market leaving clients to return to the London market.

The ILU annual report says the recent renewal period has demonstrated the extent of foreign competition in that underwriters had been under considerable pressure to give premium reductions. These had been given where results justified it, but the decreases were not being balanced by compensating increases where results had been bad.

"Unless this happens there can be no question of the hull all risks accounts being profitable" it says.

Despite the continuing recession in shipping the number and total tonnage of vessels totally lost last year reached new peaks the report adds.

Losses to oil rigs and drilling barges last year cost the insurers almost £30m and the collision of two oil tankers off South Africa last month is expected to cost almost £15m.

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Heavy loss for Carpets in Australia

By Christopher Wilkins

Carpets International, Britain's biggest carpet manufacturer, yesterday revealed that contrary to earlier forecasts it continued to suffer heavy losses in Australia, totalling £3.2m in 1977. The shares fell 7p to 47p after the unexpected announcement.

The group has faced persistent troubles in Australia, but in April and September Mr Roger Wake, the chairman, said he expected profitability to be restored soon.

In the event, trading during the final four months of the year—the main selling season—failed to improve. Further problems were an 11-week power strike in the state of Victoria and the disruptive effects of the general election.

As a result of this loss the board is unlikely to recommend payment of a final dividend, having already cut the interim. But the group says the performance in the United Kingdom and other overseas operations has been "satisfactory in the prevailing circumstances", and it is not expecting to suffer a loss overall.

It has progressively rationalized its product ranges in Australia, closing some plant, cutting overhead costs and concentrating its efforts on tufted and printed carpets. There have also been changes in the Australian management.

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the markets moved

The Times index: 203.26 −1.02
The FT index: 483.4 −3.2

Coal	15p to 470p	Kloof	21p to 501p
in.	25p to 308p	Libanon	29p to 519p
od	46p to 329p	Nthgate Explor	10p to 272p
top	37p to 392p	Rand Mine Prop	13p to 128p
Mason	20p to 580p	Takeda Bdr	50p to 870p
	23p to 406p	Western Areas	18p to 242p
	23p to 351p	Winkelhaak	38p to 666p

i	7p to 208p	Hoover	10p to 350p
ng 'B'	10p to 400p	Kwik Save Disc	8p to 200p
t	7p to 47p	Lucas Ind	9p to 261p
	14p to 230p	Racal Elect	5p to 217p
	8p to 292p	Rowntree Mac	5p to 395p
ros	13p to 387p	Smurfit	7p to 196p
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Gold gained $0.75 to $176.375.

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Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1403.0 (previous 1403.2).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.76	1.71
Austria Sch	31.00	29.00
Belgium Fr	66.00	63.00
Canada $	2.20	2.14
Denmark Kr	11.46	11.06
Finland Mkk	8.05	7.75
France Fr	9.39	9.07
Germany Dm	4.28	4.06
Greece Dr	79.50	75.50
Hongkong $	9.25	8.80
Italy Lr	1780.00	1700.00
Japan Yn	490.00	465.00
Netherlands Gld	4.56	4.34
Norway Kr	10.26	9.90
Portugal Esc	90.00	84.00
S Africa Rd	2.33	2.14
Spain Pes	166.75	160.00
Sweden Kr	9.33	8.98
Switzerland Fr	4.02	3.80
US $	2.00	1.94
Yugoslavia Dnr	39.75	37.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Scanlon union to review pay tactics

By Donald Macintyre

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers will recall its policy-making national committee to decide what steps to take about the lack of progress in reaching a national pay agreement.

The union's seven-man executive yesterday gave full backing to Mr Hugh Scanlon, their president, when he condemned the Engineering Employers' Federation offer as "derisory".

Mr Scanlon said after meeting the federation last week that he had been "surprised and utterly dismayed" by the employers' proposals, which would add 2½ per cent to the industry's national wage bill.

The proposals were made in response to the union's claim for new basic rates which would mean, on paper, improvements of about two-thirds in pay. The unions say this would add 7.9 per cent to the real wage bill.

The Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions is to meet the EEF again on February 3. The improbability of agreement being reached was confirmed yesterday when Mr Scanlon said the Confederation executive would be considering its strategy in York on February 9.

"The executive (of the AUEW) is also looking at the most likely date to recall the national committee to consider all the steps likely to be taken", he added.

Mr Scanlon refused to be drawn on what steps were possible or whether they could include industrial action on a national scale. The most likely event would appear at this stage to be abandonment of national bargaining and a reversion to local negotiations.

The CSEU claim was for national minimum rates, which are actually worked by only a small minority of the industry's two million workers, to be raised from £42 to £70 a week for craftsmen and from £33.60 to £55 for unskilled workers.

The employers responded by offering increases to £52 for craftsmen and to £40 for unskilled workers. They are also resisting the unions' claim for a shortening of the working week to 35 hours.

Union negotiators have also been angered by the EEF's suggestion that the basis for calculating holiday pay should be changed from time-and-a-third to average weekly earnings.

Mr Astley Whittall, the EEF president, said last week that the offer was partly based on the wish to retain some of the 10 per cent available under government guidelines for plant level negotiations.

Final effort to rescue the Swan Hunter share of Polish deal

By Our Labour Staff

Mr John Chalmers, general secretary of the Boilermakers' Society, is expected to make an eleventh-hour attempt today to prevent Swan Hunter losing its share of the £115m Polish shipping order.

Leaders of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions went into emergency session last night 24 hours before Mr Michael Casey, chief executive of British Shipbuilders, was due to leave for Poland to sign the contract.

British Shipbuilders were still maintaining last night that they stood by their "final" decision to reallocate four bulk carriers to other yards because of a "leapfrogging" pay claim by Boilermakers' Society members at Swan Hunter.

But Mr Chalmers was expected to try to win support from his colleagues on the unions' shipbuilding committee for a joint appeal to delay the reallocation, which he had earlier described as "hasty".

Mr Casey will meet the committee today.

British Shipbuilders decided to reallocate three of the ships to Govan, and one to Smith's Dock on Teesside, after the boilermakers decided to end a job flexibility agreement which management had insisted on as a condition of placing the order at Swan Hunter.

Last night Mr Chalmers appeared to be facing an uphill struggle. Although Govan shop stewards decided on Monday they would rather have the ships built on the Tyne, they stopped short of saying they would "black" the orders.

Colin Ivermee writes: Government and Opposition MPs agreed in the Commons yesterday to include nearly 2,000 men in the yards of four subsidiaries of the North East Coast Ship Repairers in the Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments) Bill because it enabled Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, to introduce a redundancy scheme for the nationalized shipbuilding industry.

Mr Neville Trotter, Conservative MP for Tynemouth, moved an amendment, supported by the Government, which he said had the effect of including the men. They would otherwise have been omitted, he said, because, on nationalization last year, technically NECSR and its four subsidiaries had not become wholly-owned subsidiaries of British Shipbuilders.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister of State for Industry, told the standing committee on the Bill at its first meeting that complicated negotiations between the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions and British Shipbuilders had taken longer than expected.

The Government had to examine the unions' redundancy proposals to make sure that the calculations involved were acceptable to the Government.

If it was possible he would, on the third reading of the Bill, give more detail on the nature of the scheme and its cost.

Mr Norman Lamont, an Opposition spokesman on industry, said although the Opposition accepted the Bill in principle they were concerned that payments envisaged might have an adverse effect on the remaining independent companies.

On the casting vote of the chairman, Mr Albert Costain, Conservative MP for Folkestone and Hythe, the committee rejected an amendment moved by Mr Lamont which he said would prevent payments to those whose industrial actions might bring about the closure of a yard.

Mr Leslie Huckfield, Under-Secretary for Industry, said it was difficult to write the underlying thought into the Bill.

Glass container price rise cleared

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

UG Glass Containers (UGGC), the United Glass subsidiary which is the largest supplier of glass containers in the United Kingdom, was yesterday given permission for price increases averaging 9.8 per cent.

But there were substantial strings attached in the form of assurances of action to meet criticisms by the Price Commission.

UGGC has promised no further increases before September 16—12 months after its price rise pre-notification—unless there is a substantial and unexpected increase in costs.

The company—described by the commission as "well run" but having a "cautious approach" to investment "matched by a lack of aggressiveness in marketing strategy"—is also committed to giving urgent consideration to three issues highlighted by the commission.

In its report, the commission says its principal concern was the "marked disparity" in profit margins on sales to some of the company's largest customers compared with those to others.

It draws attention to the role played by the Distillers Company, the world's largest Scotch whisky producer, which owns 50 per cent of United Glass. The other half is owned by the Owens-Illinois glass company based in the United States.

The commission found that in the five years to 1977 the average profit margin on sales to Distillers was lower than that of sales to other customers because of discounts given for volume orders. Net profit margins from sales to UGGC's six largest customers were only about two thirds of those accruing from the rest of the business.

It continues: "Although the size of the purchases by these larger customers, with the production economies which they give, must be of benefit to UGGC, we are not convinced that the size of the disparity of margins is entirely justified on this score.

"We believe that in a more competitive market the company would not be able to look to its smaller customers for such a disproportionately large contribution to profitability."

The Commission believes UGGC should review its policy of charging uniform delivered prices for its products irrespective of how near or far customers are from its production plants. The company has agreed to look into both this and the possibility of using production capacity more effectively by negotiating firmer contracts with customers.

The glass container industry as a whole—in which there are five major manufacturers accounting for 95 per cent of United Kingdom production—does not appear to have sufficient capacity to meet demand, with the result that imports had risen since 1972 from less than 4 per cent of the market to about 9 per cent.

*UG Glass Containers—prices of glass containers; HC 170, HMSO, 70p.

Gold at best level for 33 months

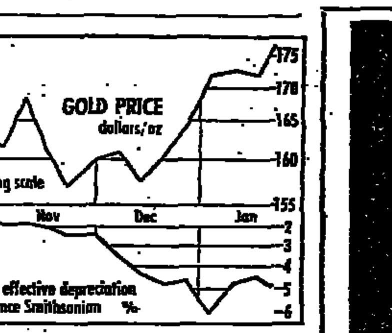
By Caroline Atkinson

Profit-taking in the gold market brought the price down from its best level of $177¼-188 an ounce yesterday but it still closed at a 33-month high of $176.375 an ounce.

Investors' demand for gold has picked up recently, and with the continued weakness of the dollar, the gold price has gained $11¼ this year. Some dealers expect some difficulty in crossing the $180 an ounce barrier.

Currency markets are still very thin and nervous. The dollar has been slipping back a little almost daily. Central bank support, most notably from the Swiss and occasionally from the British, has been sufficient to prevent another large scale run on the dollar.

However, the market was not happy about President Carter's recent economic measures and was especially nervous yesterday ahead of the United States trade figures which will be published tomorrow.



Sterling has, meanwhile, picked up against other currencies as well as the dollar. The trade-weighted basket of currencies closed at 66.3 yesterday, a rise of 0.1 on the day.

Against the dollar the pound closed at $1.947, up 50 points. The authorities have been intervening in the markets but the intervention seemed largely aimed at smoothing trends and not at holding down the value of the pound.

The decision to risk Britain's competitiveness by a clear float up rather than risk breaching the money targets and setting off inflation seems being adhered to.

Wall Street gains: After declining for three sessions Wall Street had a marginal gain yesterday with the Dow Jones industrial average closing 0.87 up to 771.57 on trading of 18,690,000 shares.

Blastfurnacemen vote to take redundancy pay

About 270 blastfurnacement at British Steel's Shelton works at Stoke-on-Trent have voted to accept redundancy pay rather than continue the third fight to save the plant.

Mr Hector Smith, the blastfurnacemen's union's general secretary, said yesterday: "I am here to get the best deal I can for my members and if they instruct me to negotiate for redundancy pay then that is what I must do. I repeat it is not me who can close Shelton—it is the British Steel Corporation."

About 2,200 men are threatened with redundancy if British Steel closes Shelton,

Metro-Cammell and Leyland get 100 bus order

British Leyland and Metro-Cammell Weyman of Birmingham have each received orders from London Transport for 50 double-deck buses.

The order is the first big sale for BL's new Titan bus, but the splitting of the contract will come as a disappointment to Leyland truck and bus company which has been testing the bus in London for the last two years.

Leyland is the traditional supplier of buses to London Transport, but the new orders include options to buy more buses of the same types,

Ford men stay out, page 20

BOC $262m bid for remainder of Airco

BOC International announced last night that it was planning to make a $262m (£136m) bid for all shares in American industrial gases group Airco Inc that it does not already own.

The company said its tender for a further 15 per cent of Airco to take its stake in the company to 49 per cent had been oversubscribed more than three times. Because of this, and subject to the approval of the Airco board, it intended to tender for the whole of the outstanding shares at $43 a share.

However, it was not clear last night what the response of the Airco board might be. When BOC made the original approach to increase its stake in the company Airco opposed plans to take its holding to more than 50 per cent.

Eventually agreement was reached between the boards after Airco had raised its bid for a further 15 per cent of the shares to the present $43 a share. A feature of the agreement was that BOC would have the right, at any time within the next five years, to increase its stake to a ceiling of 55 per cent.

Sir Leslie Smith, BOC's chairman, said last night: "We believe it is only fair to all Airco shareholders to offer to buy all the outstanding shares at $43 a share." This offer values the company at $515m.

£8m losses likely by bankrupt Belgian bank

Brussels, Jan 24.—Bank van Loo et Cie, dealing mainly in livestock trade, has been declared bankrupt and its owners arrested, the Brussels prosecutor announced today.

He alleged the bank's accounts had been forged for 10 years to hide its total losses, estimated at around 500m francs (£8m). One client had losses reported at 250m francs which he probably would not be able to recover as the total deposits of the bank were no more than 350m francs.

The prosecutor added that the bankruptcy would probable lead to others, probably among livestock traders. The bank had branches in Brussels, Liège and Charleroi.—AP-Dow Jones.

Crosfields' rival makes £1.3m in bid stake sale

By Desmond Quigley

McLeod Russel, a plantation holding company involved in one of the City's most complicated takeover battles for part of the Harrisons & Crosfield plantations empire, is believed to have sold its 32.78 per cent stake in Malayalam.

It was McLeod's bid for Malayalam, which is part of the H & C group through direct and indirect holdings, which sparked off the round of bids, forcing H & C to make a counterbid.

McLeod is believed to have received 33p a share for its Malayalam stake which gives the company a gross profit of about £1.3m on the exercise.

The size of the profit will no doubt please the Guthrie family, which is used to spectacular deals and effectively controls 47 per cent of McLeod through a series of cross-holdings—one of the minor ironies of the situation given that McLeod's advisers have castigated H & C for its own complex series of cross-holdings.

Mr John Malcolm Guthrie and his son Mr John Guthrie are non-executive directors of McLeod. They are better known for their spectacular property deals than for their involvement in the plantation industry, but since their hold on McLeod was consolidated in 1973, McLeod has become a very aggressive animal.

Mr Guthrie Snr, aged 70, was involved in the controversial Bewbush property deal with Lord (then Sir Don) Ryder, which involved the purchase of a farm for £3.25m in 1972. Shortly afterwards part of the estate was resold for £7m.

Last year Mr Guthrie Snr, managing director of his private family firm Broadland Properties, and his company were acquitted of conspiring to defraud in another property deal.

During the 1960s he excited attention for a series of property deals which dealt with large sums for those days.

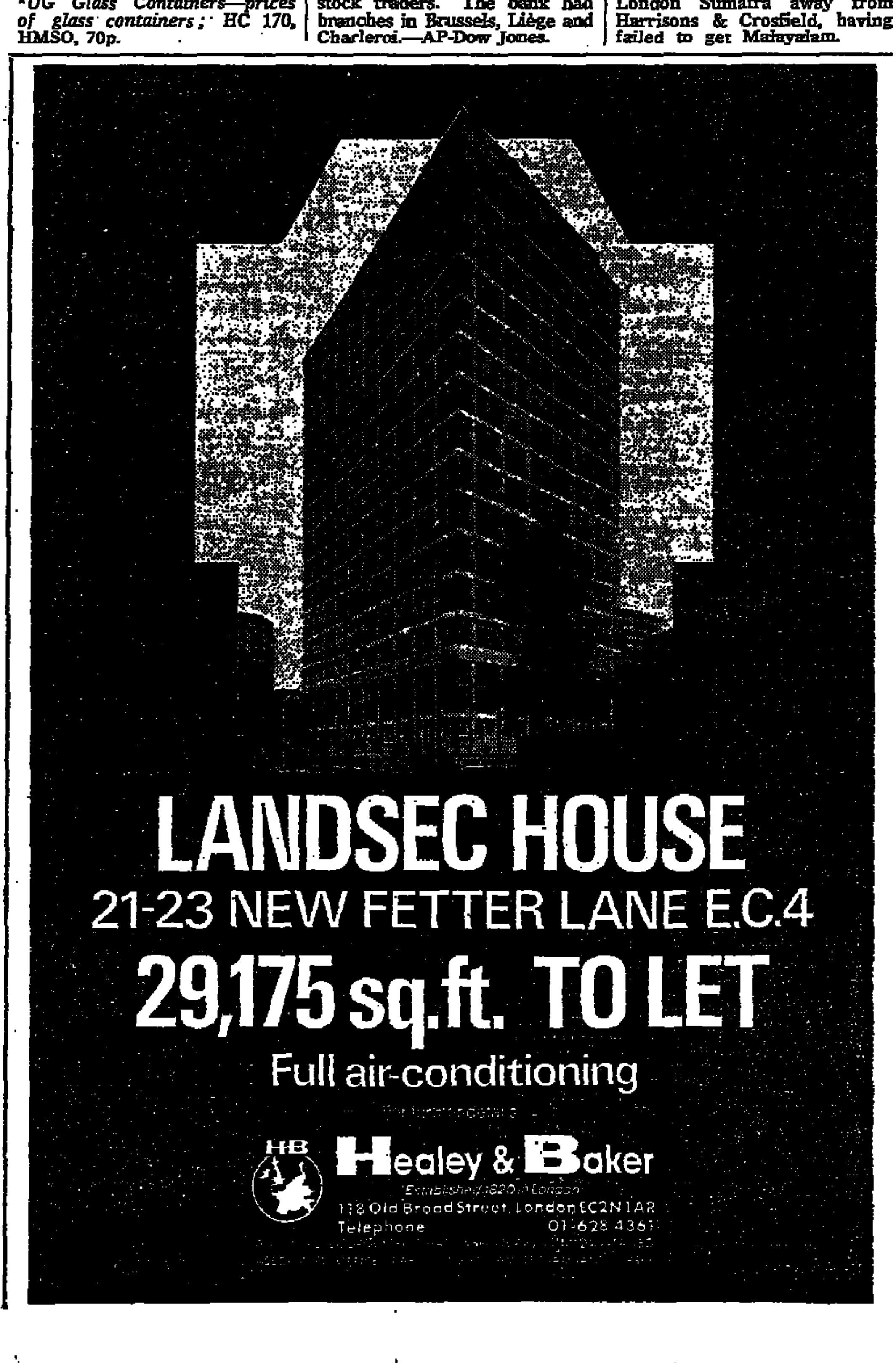
The Guthrie hold on McLeod is both direct and indirect. Father and son have some 5.3 per cent of the company in their own name, while Broadland Properties has a further 8.28 per cent.

However, the main holding comes through Assam Trading, in which the two men have a direct holding of 13½ per cent, while Broadland holds a further 33½ per cent. Assam in turn owns 35.6 per cent of McLeod.

Since the major Guthrie involvement in McLeod, the company has made a series of acquisitions and in an event which appears to have several parallels with the current fight with Harrisons & Crosfield managed to prise some companies away from the control of James Finlay in 1976.

That only came after McLeod had thwarted Finlay's own rationalization moves. The two companies are now associated in a joint venture.

McLeod is invloved in another joint venture with Sipef SA, a Belgian plantation company, in trying to wrest London Sumatra away from Harrisons & Crosfield, having failed to get Malayalam.



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Warning by OECD chief on rising tide of protectionist pressure

By Caroline Atkinson

Britain's economic fortunes have improved drastically but the global outlook is still poor, according to Mr Emile van Lennep, Secretary-General of the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

At the Royal Institute for International Affairs in London yesterday Mr van Lennep said that all countries must act together to overcome the short and long-term obstacles to industrial recovery. The action needed differed from country to country.

One of the most serious dangers of the slow world recovery was the growth of pressure for trade protection. This would, if succumbed to, damage the potential for economic growth and prosperity in the long run.

Changes in trade patterns as the developing countries expanded industrial capacity should not be resisted and were part of the process of growth.

Three areas where economic performance had been specially disappointing were energy, investment and balance of payments adjustment, Mr van Lennep said. The roots of the 1974-75 inflationary recession were in the oil price explosion of 1973.

Mr Emile van Lennep, Secretary-General of the OECD: differing actions needed.

Recently Germany and Japan had been urged repeatedly by their trading partners to take action to stimulate their economies. They had strong balance of payments and had had some success in bringing down inflation, but were nevertheless expanding too slowly either to bring down their own unemployment or to provide good markets for other countries.

Underlying Mr van Lennep's speech was the recognition that these two countries would not act on their own to bring the world onto a faster growth path. Indeed the United States had recently been the main engine for world economic growth, although at the cost of a bigger trade gap and consequent weakening of the dollar.

There was a need for structural change in many economies, Mr van Lennep said. Those with weak balance of payments and inflationary tendencies should direct their efforts to boosting profits and raising productive investment and exports.

The stronger countries needed to switch their reliance on exports and private investment for growth, and recognize that they would be able to export more only if they allowed their imports to rise.

An intermediate group, which probably included Britain, had had some success in curbing inflation and bringing the balance of payments into surplus. These nations needed strong growth in overseas markets before they could expand sufficiently.

The depressed state of the world had led to severe structural problems in some industries such as steel, shipbuilding and textiles. Although it was natural for governments to attempt to shore up these industries the best policy would be to encourage change rather than to inhibit it through job-preserving subsidies.

US negotiator says Carter 'commitment' helped to spur talks

From Alan McGregor
Geneva, Jan 24

Mr Robert Strauss, President Carter's special representative for trade matters, said today that had it not been for the President's visit to Paris earlier this month, the EEC was unlikely to have moved as far as it had in the multilateral negotiations for liberalizing world trade.

With just two or three others present—including himself—Mr Carter had talked to the French President and Prime Minister in a small room "and discussed very candidly what we thought the urgency of the situation was".

In the same way, if the United States President had not been in direct communication with the Japanese Prime Minister on a personal basis, the Japanese probably would not have been as positive in these Tokyo Round negotiations as they are now.

"This is part of President Carter's commitment to a liberalized trade posture", Mr Strauss added. "One he has consistently maintained."

Some details of the United States initial position were given today by Mr Alonzo McDonald, head of the American negotiators on the spot. Offers and requests put forward so far by the EEC, the Nordic countries, Japan, Canada, Switzerland, Austria and the United States covered at least 60 per cent of world trade, he said.

There were about 4,800 items on the American industrial list. The average net cut after exceptions would be in the region of 46 per cent. On about $15,000m (£7,500m) worth of imports—equivalent to one third—it was proposed to eliminate tariffs completely.

In 1976 the average United States tariff was 7.9 per cent. If the American offers were accepted, this would become 4.5 per cent. The similar figures for the European Community were 8.9 per cent and 5 per cent, Japan's existing average was about 10 per cent.

On agriculture, the United States was offering to reduce some 200 tariff positions with an average cut of 36 per cent. This was in response to requests from some 50 countries.

Credit cards from TSBs in November

By Our Financial Staff

The Trustee Savings Bank are to offer credit cards to their customers from November. The TSBs have joined Barclaycard as members of Visa International, which has 54 million cardholders throughout the world.

Trustcard, as the new card will be called, will be offered in addition to the present chekue guarantee card, although ultimately it may replace it.

The scheme will be promoted through TSB branches and by letters to selected customers. No unsolicited cards will be sent.

Over the next two to three years it is estimated that about one million customers will receive cards, and the average credit limits are expected to be between £100 and £200. Th service will be available to TSB customers with both savings and cheque accounts.

The new facility marks a further step by the TSBs towards becoming the "third force" in British banking recommended by the Page Report four years ago. In August the TSB began to provide personal loans to customers and have since made more than 30,000 loans.

Threat to UK business contracts

Nigerian move to sever S African trade links

British businessmen operating in West Africa are becoming increasingly disturbed by reports of a tightening up by Nigeria of its anti-South Africa policy.

During a speech at the United Nations anti-apartheid conference in Lagos in August Lieutenant-General Abasanjo, the Nigerian head of state, said that foreign companies with interests in South Africa would not be permitted to operate in Nigeria in the future.

Earlier this month the Geneva-based publication *Business Europe* published a report suggesting that companies wishing to operate in Nigeria were being made to sign contracts containing a clause which stated that the company had not had, and did not now have, any dealings with South Africa.

This report was denied by Nigerian government officials in London last week.

But information is now emerging which suggests that the report is indeed correct. Nigeria appears to be operating on a selective basis what amounts to a secondary boycott, similar to that used by Middle East countries over Israel. Nigeria seems to be threatening to close its markets to some companies with South African connexions.

An official of the Confederation of British Industry who is keeping a watching brief on the Nigerian situation said yesterday that the situation was confused. Reports suggested that a Nigerian committee—possibly at government level—was now attempting to thrash out a policy.

Information reaching London suggests that a number of British companies and several European ventures have already been faced with contracts bearing the crucial "South Africa" clause.

Businessmen dealing with Nigeria also complain that people carrying passports which bear a South African passport stamp are more often being turned away. It is not clear whether this is a result of a tightening up on entry requirements ordered by the Government or whether it simply reflects increased diligence on the part of passport officers in Nigeria.

Malcolm Brown

Report looks at ways to curb 'lump'

By John Huxley

A voluntary scheme for the registration of employers and certification of operatives is among measures proposed in a report released yesterday by the Construction Industry Manpower Board.

The report, parts of which have been leaked in recent months, says that the board believes a voluntary scheme, if fully supported by both sides of the industry, is preferable to a statutory one.

In a Commons reply announcing the release of the report, Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, said that the measures proposed could make a welcome contribution to greater stability of employment in the industry.

He added that the report, which will be discussed with trade unions and employers' organizations, should be an important step in the improvement of industrial relations.

The Construction Industry Manpower Board was set up in February, 1976, to advise the Secretary of State for the Environment on the effect of government measures designed to tackle abuses of the "lump" and consider other measures to increase job stability.

Building industry unions have long argued the need for decasualization through a statutory register of both employers and employees, with sanctions against companies which refuse to participate.

CBI seeks reforms on pay analysis

By Our Industrial Staff

The Confederation of British Industry, which is examining how the pay determination system can be reformed, has started detailed discussions on the type of body to do the economic analysis that would be central to any new system.

Proposals examined by the CBI's employment policy committee earlier this month suggested that any new mechanism for economic analysis should have a number of key functions. First it would be expected to provide an assessment of what had happened to the economy in the previous 12 months, and why.

Secondly, it would be expected to draw up a series of possible scenarios for the year ahead in the form of optional forecasts. Thirdly, the new body should aim to be an authoritative source of information on the economy and on pay.

There is some irritation that whenever there is public discussion over pay a number of different versions of the basic facts—often widely different—seem to emerge.

Another function might be to bring together differing bodies of opinion such as the CBI, the TUC and the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, to find whether there was a central core of agreement on their analysis of the economy.

Indian ships aid 'nothing new'

By Edward Townsend

Strong support for the proposal to use £52m of government aid money to supply six cargo ships to India has come from Mrs Judith Hart, Minister for Overseas Development, who stressed that money from the aid programme had been used for similar purposes in the past.

In a letter to Mr Michael Grylls, MP, vice-chairman of the Conservative Industry Committee, Mrs Hart says that during her visit to India last July it was agreed that the import requirements of a number of major projects should be earmarked for financing from British aid. Among the most advanced of the projects was the supply of British cargo vessels.

Mr Grylls is one of the outspoken critics of the present deal, which a team from British Shipbuilders is hoping to conclude within the next few weeks.

He has given warning that expanding India's merchant fleet could affect adversely the earnings of the British shipping industry.

Mrs Hart, who is to appear today before a Commons Select Committee, of which Mr Grylls is a member, to face questioning about the deal, says in the letter that the Indian Government "generally uses United Kingdom aid—this is, in any case, almost entirely tied to the provision of British goods and services—to finance the import of essential goods which cannot be produced indigenously".

In the present case India's own shipbuilding capacity is expanding with some help from British aid, Mrs Hart says, but the country cannot supply all the ships it wants over the next few years.

"We have in the past financed from the aid programme the supply of British ships to India so there is nothing new in principle in the present proposal."

She adds that one of the aims of the visit to India was that the projects identified for aid financing should be of mutual benefit to both countries. Redundancies in the British shipbuilding industry would be avoided by a major purchase of ships by India.

Mrs Hart adds a "clear and unequivocal" assurance that the major part of the Government's aid programme in India would be used to assist rural development.

Halewood men to stay out

Ford car workers on Merseyside voted yesterday to continue a strike which is already in its third week, and decided not to meet for another fortnight unless they get a fresh approach from the management.

The stoppage by 1,000 men from the press shops at the Halewood plant has caused the layoff of 8,000 others. It has stopped production of Ford's topselling Escort car range and losses amount to £22m. This figure could more than double by the time the strikers hold their next mass meeting.

The Halewood management has arranged to meet shop stewards today for more talks about the manning dispute which led to the strike.

At the nearby British Leyland car plant at Speke there is still no sign of any moves towards a settlement of the 12 weeks' old strike by 2,000 production workers which has now cost the state-owned car company production of TR7 and Dolomite cars worth more than £80m.

The dispute over manning and production schedules has made more than 4,000 other British Leyland workers on Merseyside and at Coventry idle through layoffs.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The following are the monthly figures for Great Britain

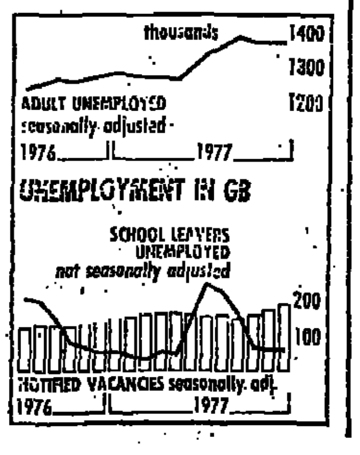
	Total un-adjusted 000s	Seasonally adjusted* 000s	%	Adult vacs season-ally adjusted 000s
1976				
Dec	1.316	1.273†	5.5†	‡
1977				
Jan	1.390	1.285	5.5	‡
Feb	1,365	1,278	5.5	149
March	1,322	1,258	5.4	156
April	1,336	1,269	5.4	157
May	1,296	1,262	5.4	150
June	1,390	1,298	5.6	156
July	1,553	1,345	5.8	151
Aug	1,597	1,357	5.8	152
Sept	1,542	1,379	6.0	143
Oct	1,457	1,377	5.9	151
Nov	1,438	1,377	5.9	154
Dec	1,420	1.371	5.9	161
1978				
Jan	1,485	1.370	5.9	181

* Excluding school leavers.
† Estimate.
‡ Figures not available.

REGIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT

The following are the monthly regional unemployment figures, seasonally adjusted, excluding school leavers:

	Number	Change on month	% of all employees
S East	322,200	+ 300	4.4
E Anglia	35,700	− 800	5.0
S West	109,100	+1,200	6.8
W Midlands	122,400	− 500	5.3
E Midlands	77,500	+ 500	4.9
Yorks/H side	118,200	+ 900	5.7
N West	200,500	−2,600	7.1
North	113,700	+1,800	8.4
Wales	84,300	− 300	7.9
Scotland	179,000	+ 600	8.1
Great Britain	1,369,900	− 900	5.9
N Ireland	58,600	+1,200	10.7
UK	1,428,400	+ 300	6.0



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
COMPANY APPLICATION No. 936 OF 1977
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1 OF 1956
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 391 AND 393 OF THE SAID ACT
AND
IN THE MATTER OF MADRAS TEA ESTATES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF TEA ESTATES INDIA PVT. LTD.
1) MADRAS TEA ESTATES LIMITED APPLICANT No. 1
2) TEA ESTATES INDIA PVT. LIMITED APPLICANT No. 2
NOTICE CONVENING MEETING OF THE
SHAREHOLDERS OF THE APPLICANTS

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In pursuance of the said order and as directed therein, further notice is hereby given that separate meetings of the equity shareholders of the said applicants will be held at the place and the time set out in the schedule hereto at which time and place the said equity shareholders of the said applicants are requested to attend.

Copies of the said scheme of arrangement and amalgamation and of the statements under section 393 of The Act can be had free of charge at the administrative and registered office respectively of the said applicants, the administrative office being at "Brooke House", No. 1 Post Office Road, Coonoor, South India, or at the office of their advocates, Messrs. King and Partridge, at "Catholic Centre", No. 6 Armenian Street, Madras-1.

Persons entitled to attend and vote at the meetings may vote in person or by proxy, provided that all proxies in the prescribed forms are deposited at the Brooke House, No. 1 Post Office Road, Coonoor, Nilgris, South India, not later than 48 hours before the meetings.

Forms of proxy can be had at the above administrative/registered office respectively of the said applicants.

The Court has appointed Sri G. Narayanan, Advocate, as Chairman of the said meetings.

The above mentioned scheme of arrangement and amalgamations if approved by the said meetings will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

DATED THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1978.

G. NARAYANAN
CHAIRMAN APPOINTED FOR THE MEETING OF THE
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS OF APPLICANT No. 1
G. NARAYANAN
CHAIRMAN APPOINTED FOR THE MEETING OF THE
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS OF APPLICANT No. 2

S No	Name of the Applicant	Date, time and place of meeting	Chairman appointed by the Court
1	Madras Tea Estates Limited. Equity shareholders Applicant No. 1	16th February, 1978, at 11 a.m. at "Brooke House", No. 1 Post Office Road, Coonoor, Nilgris, South India.	Mr. G. Narayanan, Advocate, Insurance Building, 337 Thambu Chetty Street, Madras-1.
2	Tea Estates India Private Limited Equity shareholders Applicant No. 2	16th February, 1978, at 12 noon at "Brooke House", No. 1 Post Office Road, Coonoor, Nilgris, South India.	Mr. G. Narayanan, Advocate, Insurance Building, 337 Thambu Chetty Street, Madras-1.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
COMPANY APPLICATION No. 937 OF 1977
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1 OF 1956
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 391 AND 393 OF THE SAID ACT
AND
IN THE MATTER OF STANMORE (ANAMALLAY) ESTATES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF TEA ESTATES INDIA PVT. LTD.
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1	Stanmore (Anamallay) Estates Limited. Equity shareholders Applicant No. 1	16th February, 1978, at 11 a.m. at "Brooke House", No. 1 Post Office Road, Coonoor, Nilgris, South India.	Mr. G. Narayanan, Advocate, Insurance Building, 337 Thambu Chetty Street, Madras-1.
2	Tea Estates India Private Limited Equity shareholders Applicant No. 2	16th February, 1978, at 12 noon at "Brooke House", No. 1 Post Office Road, Coonoor, Nilgris, South India.	Mr. G. Narayanan, Advocate, Insurance Building, 337 Thambu Chetty Street, Madras-1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What the nuclear power programme could mean to the coal industry

From Mr Gerald Manners

Sir, Public comment on the impending Cabinet decision concerning the technology and timing of the country's next round of nuclear power station construction appears to have overlooked its implications for the future of the British coal industry.

The three generating boards already have a substantial surplus of electricity generating capacity—hence the reluctance of the CEGB to proceed with the early ordering of the Drax B station. They also have under construction a further 19,000 MW of new plant, equivalent to some 28 per cent of their 1976 capacity.

There can be little doubt, therefore, that short of a substantial and surprising increase in the rate of growth of electricity demands, a government commitment to the building of two more nuclear reactors in the period 1982-1988 would virtually kill off any possibility of further coal-fired plant being ordered for completion before 1990. The consequences of this for the coal industry are serious.

Of the generating plant currently under construction, one half is either oil-fired or oil/gas-fired. A further 30 per cent is nuclear, the long-delayed AGRs. Some 14 per cent is peak load facilities, powered by either oil or water. Only 5 per cent is coal-fired.

Once this new plant becomes available in a few years' time, the capacity of the three boards' coal-fired stations will fall from 65 per cent to 51 per cent of their total generating capacity, and the role of coal in the electricity supply industry will be substantially changed. Regardless of the relative prices of coal and oil, as new nuclear and oil-fired plants displace middle-aged coal stations in the board's merit order, and as the oldest coal-fired plants are retired, the demand for coal from the country's power stations will fall away from the 77 million tons used in 1976 to 65 or even 60 million tons per year in the early and middle 1980s.

In consequence, I estimate that the total market for coal in Britain eight years hence is likely to be only about 95 million tons, compared with sales of 122 million tons in 1976.

Meanwhile, the National Coal Board with the continuing blessing of the Govern presses on with an invest programme that assumes will be a market for 135 lion tons of coal in Brita 1985.

If the decision to pr with the construction of tional nuclear plant is t the last chance to help National Coal Board to on to a market for coa proaching 100 million to 1990 will be lost.

In consequence, a revisi the investment strategy o board will become more u than ever. It will involve painful choices. Above a is clear that the board wi be able to maintain its tion to open up new mine new coalfields, and to mo ize some of its existing without accepting the nec for the premature closu many of its older and les ductive facilities in the pheral coalfields of Sco Wales and northern Engl

Yours, etc,
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January 17.

Threat of nationalization to the construction industry

From the President of The Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors

Sir, I refer to your report of January 20 of the denial by Mr Eric Heffer that he is seeking the wholesale nationalization of the construction industries.

Does Mr Heffer really expect us to be dulled into complacency by his soft words and his suggestion that we are overreacting to the Labour Party policy document *Building Britain's Future?* The reality of that document is that it proposes a massive intrusion of public ownership and control into the industry at all levels—outright nationalization of the larger firms and expansion of direct labour and the creation of workers' cooperatives to take over other sectors of the market.

Any firms who were not immediately caught up by the public ownership proposals would be anything but independent. They would be required to register with one government board, draw their employees from a second, negotiate their jobs with a third, carry them out under contract conditions laid down by a fourth, and obtain their materials from an almost totally nationalized materials sector.

Those firms who remain "independent" will find themselves struggling in a situation of massive day-to-day government control and interference and then for only so long as it takes for the publicly owned organizations to expand to the point where they can cope with all of the public sector work themselves.

We do not intend that construction should become yet another lame duck industry that has to be propped up and supported by an even smaller private sector. We do not believe the nation wants ever more nationalization, control, state intervention, bureaucracy, and yes, increased taxation, to pay for the losses that must inevitably ensue. We do not believe they think Whitehall knows best. We believe they do want to remain free. We intend to help them to do so by remaining free ourselves.

Yours faithfully,
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President. The Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors,
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The ethics of gazumping

From Mr J. R. C. Dawson

Sir, Although possibly not intended, Mr R. A. P. Smith (January 19) goes to the heart of the problem in stating that he will unashamedly "gazump". His confession (my description, not his) must bring despair upon the many members of the professions, including my own, who try their utmost to stamp out this practice.

It must be known to the great majority that an agreement reached between a seller and a buyer of a house is an agreement, and therefore to be honoured, even though the law will not enforce it unless and until it is sufficiently committed to writing.

It should not be necessary to spell it out that by long-standing custom either side may be released from the unenforceable agreement by some unforeseen eventuality, for example a subsequent matrimonial disaster, family death or change of decision by an employer or other third party.

Furthermore, the agreement reached can (and should) be made subject to any particular conditions which may be applicable, for example, the seller not being able to buy his new house as anticipated, or the buyer not being able to sell his existing house as anticipated, not being able to obtain his required mortgage or not receiving a satisfactory survey report.

If one party imposes conditions unsatisfactory to the other, then the other need not accept, so that there is no agreement in the first place; a seller can certainly impose a condition that he will renege on his agreement if he is offered a higher price, and the buyer is at liberty to accept or reject it.

"Gazumping" is a seller purporting to impose that condition on a buyer when the buyer had never agreed to it. It is entirely a matter of ethics and fair dealing.

If Mr Smith wants to know that he has the best price possible for his house, then he should auction it. Subject to that, I trust he will reflect on the fact that the "gazumping" practice leads to untold trouble, hardship and expense to the majority of house changes and their families and advisers.

Pending Mr Smith, and other subscribers to his point of view, changing their minds, I can only hope that they will be given no choice but to do their own selling and their own conveyancing.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. C. DAWSON,
36 Pembroke Square,
London, W8.
January 20.

From Mr W. R. Brackett

Sir, I deplore the suggestion in Mr R. A. P. Smith's letter to you (*The Times*, January 19) that an estate agent is not an impartial judge of the highest price that property can fetch, because his income is heavily dependent upon a reasonably quick turnover.

An agent's duty is solely to his client, the vendor and he should seek to obtain the best price which he possibly can with propriety without misleading a purchaser and without regard to the time and trouble which is involved.

Should an offer be made by a purchaser and accepted by the vendor and before contracts are exchanged, another prospective purchaser makes a higher offer, then the agent is in duty bound to the vendor to report the fact and to leave it to the vendor to decide whether to regard himself as morally bound by a verbal acceptance or whether to take the higher offer.

I believe that all reputable agents adopt the attitude and the practice which I have mentioned.

To be fair one must admit that valuation is an art rather than a precise science, and inevitably will reflect the valuer's personal view. And sometimes he will take a less optimistic view of the value of a particular property than does the prospective purchaser, who may have some special interest in it in any event.

Yours faithfully,
W. R. BRACKETT,
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January 19.

Simplifying VAT procedures

From the Director-Gener the Institute of Directors

Sir, I am delighted to se the question of simplifyin reorganizing the assessin collecting of VAT had a airing in today's issue of *Times* (January 23).

It is, I think, worth e sizing the principal elem our recommendation to Majesty's Commissioner Customs and Excise, su for which I am glad to not confined to this instit

Whether or not paymen made quarterly or annu and we favour the forme important point is that th can and should be based company's annual account not directly on a multitu individual invoices.

There is no need fo present cumbersome proc the working out of VAT relevant sales and purcha voices individually nor th sequent transfer paymer avoid cascading. Let th be on the relevant value- of the business and let th culation be a simple by-p of the existing proces calculating income or co tion tax.

This would not involv procedures. It is simp logical way of assessin tax, and of lightening co ably the burden place businesses, large or sma working out what VAT i from them.

Yours faithfully,
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Aero imports

From Commander H. Malleson

Sir, Once again I notice, admiration tinged with tation, the estimates of e by British aerospace in 1 some £1,000m seems t expected.

As usual, however, no sponding estimated figur imports is given, as is with all important indu When the final figures available, surely the i figure will be obtained? all DC10's and jumbos ha be paid for, among other space items imported.

Yours faithfully,
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The Observatory,
Brightling,
Robertsbridge,
Sussex, TN32 5HL.
January 17.

Tanner's end?

From Mr J. Coombe

Sir, Since when has the hu sixpence ceased to be tender?

I was informed today cashier at Williams & Bank that the bank accept sixpences only multiples of two, even th my little coin was paid in others of the new decimal amounting to a round tw pence in total. The bank plained the cashier, was c in all sixpences.

Does this mean that th pence is now somethin which all one can do is to a song?

Yours truly,
JAMES COOMBE,
50 Bramley Avenue,
Coulsdon,
Surrey CR3 2DQ
January 20.

Open-cast mining and the environmen

From Mr Bernard Gascoyne

Sir, In the light of present production trends in the coal mining industry, there are good reasons to question the need to ravage the countryside by opencasting.

The ruthless, and indiscriminate action of the bulldozers which tear up the countryside and spew out grey, slimy piles of muck, impose a severe social penalty on those compelled to witness the devastation.

The National Coal Board adopts an unquestioning presumption of its right to pull up trees, and hedges, destroy natural drainage, and change the individual character of the countryside, into the barren uniformity of a standard landscape.

A study of the National Coal Board's report and accounts of 1976-77 will show that opencasting is completely unnecessary.

The NCB controls 240 coal mines, and each involved heavy capital investment, to which the Government make frequent contributions. The Coal Board has a statutory duty to work the mines efficiently, and this requires that full advantage be taken of the vast capital that is geared to the industry.

A coalface delay study which was carried out by the NCB during the quarter ending March, 1976, and involving 333 coalfaces, shows that coal is only being produced for 33 per cent of the available working time at the coalfaces.

Put another way, the survey demonstrates that collieries work for one hour, and stand idle for two hours, to produce 106 million tons of coal a year. Open-casting works 100 per cent of the available time to produce 11 million tons of coal.

According to the Coal Board's own performance details, there is sufficient unused production capacity in deep mining, at least to double the present output immediately, and without needing one extra man, o additional machine.

How can a situation where a nationalized indus allowed to impoverish the tryside for 11 million to coal a year, while at the time ignoring more than million tons of coal th readily available from u ground?

Recent industrial histo best equipped to provid answer to such an illogical of affairs. Open-casting ports the ailing coal mines as the Coal Board and the ernment prefer to do battle farmers rather than miners, it is an easier choi sacrifice more woodlands fields than to ensure that miners do a reasonable am of work each shift

BERNARD GASCOYNE,
28 Garth Road,
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January 11.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Davy dampens down the enthusiasm

reasury Bill rates continue to point to the ossibility of a further small cut in MLR his Friday and the market will be waiting ith some interest today to see what kind tactics the Bank will adopt with the scount houses.

While there has been a fairly strong eling around the market that short-term terest rates have scope to ease further in e first quarter of this year, the message om the behaviour of the short-end of the lt market over recent weeks has been that y fresh fall in money market rates is nlikely to be long-lasting.

If the authorities are thinking along milar lines, the incentive to drop MLR ust be fairly small. As revealed in siness News last week, the authorities are any case none too happy about its vola-ity. Moreover, in political terms there is tle to be gained by dropping the rate rther at this stage; the building societies ve already done their duty.

Meanwhile, Davy International's chair-an. Sir John Buckley took the portunity of yesterday's interim state-ent to temper some of the more thusiastic market ideas about what the oup is capable of this year. Some analysts d apparently suggested Davy was reach-g for a £35m profit with contributions om the Head Wrightson and Herbert orris in for the first time, against £18¾m st year. Sir John puts all this into per-ective by reporting a decent 15 per cent vance at the interim to £8.4m pre-tax, but ds that there will not be the "same amatic increase" in earnings as was seen st year. The shares, down 19p at one int yesterday, ended the session 14p off 230p having duly taken the message.

That said, Davy's prospects look as sound ever. The order book remains firm at 200m; liquidity is at least as good as the end of 1976/77 when there was net sh of nearly £60m in the balance sheet d, while export business is proving more fficult to win, Davy is getting its fair are, notably in North America (where it ay like to make acquisitions) and Latin nerica where the highlight is substantial eelworks business in Brazil.

With the integration of Head Wrightson using no unforeseen problems and the o acquisitions expected to contribute ound £5m this time, Davy may make about 5m pre-tax profits, so a likely p/e ratio 6¾ and a yield of 7.1 per cent suggests at Davy's efforts to dampen down the er-optimistic were a little too effective.

arpets International

Australia oils over

arpets International has now come as close any company can to exhausting the tience of institutional shareholders. Hav-g repeatedly predicted a revival at its astrous Australian subsidiary it yesterday erged that the business has been sinking eper into loss, will show a £3.2m deficit 1977 and will continue in loss, although a lower level, at least for the first half 1978. The result is almost certain to the passing of the final dividend.

Radical action has been taken. Weaving erations have been virtually shut down, ff has been halved, management changed d consultants brought in. But it is any-dy's guess yet whether this will be ficient. It was, after all, only a year so ago that CI put in new printing plant Australia and, in view of the dismal te of the local market, it is wide open question whether it still has too much acity. That in turn raises the issue of ether a further bout of rationalization l be needed. If so it will have to be taken ight on the profit and loss account since has apparently made no forward pro-ons.

eanwhile, the balance sheet has been eriorating. Year end borrowings may erge at close to 80 per cent of net worth inst just over 60 per cent in 1976 and just over a third in 1973, the peak r before profits turned decisively down-ds.

hat may not yet be a crisis level, but it ooking stretched for a company with a r record and lowly profit margins. pily, CI has been riding out the downturn in the United Kingdom market reasonably well and has earned enough domestic profits to have left the group overall in surplus at both pre-tax and net level. If the domestic consumer spending boom works through and if the Australian haemorrhage really has been stanched CI could make £4m or £5m in 1978 and would therefore look cheap at 47p. But that is pinning a lot of faith on the cycle turning up at just the right moment. CI is now in a position in which the shareholders may well feel it worthwhile taking a closer interest.

Marine insurers

Worried about rate-cutting

London's marine insurance market has been charting a nervous course through choppy waters for over four years now, and judging by yesterday's pessimistic remarks from the Institute of London Underwriters, the shore is still a long way off.

As in all underwriting categories, the London marine market is under pressure because of economic stagnation; the impact of inflation on insured values and declining premium rates as a result of increased capacity leading to fierce competition particularly from emerging overseas markets.

But for ship insurers these difficulties have been compounded by the fact that against traditional logic the sea-trade recession has been accompanied this time by record tonnage losses. According to the ILU the tonnage loss for the first 11 months of 1977 increased by 10 per cent to 1.15 million tons despite the fact that fewer vessels are at sea and the consequent increase in availability of good crews.

Mr Keith Williams, incoming chairman of the Institute of London Underwriters.

Of more direct concern to the leading companies represented by the ILU and Lloyd's each of which take around 50 per cent of business placed in London is the way rates have not only failed to harden in line with the increase in claims but have actually gone into decline.

The main reason has been increased competition from foreign insurers anxious to utilize excess capacity or in some cases to break into a new field often without a sophisticated knowledge of the necessary rate structures.

The response from the London market has so far been to maintain a concerted front and most risks have been handled at responsible rates although this has naturally meant the loss of some business to overseas markets.

But with the recession continuing cracks in this front are appearing and the ILU has firm evidence of certain fleet renewals on seemingly unrealistic terms in London.

So far these cases have been minor while both Lloyd's and the independent companies claim to have seen some evidence of business returning to the higher security of the London market, rather than place risks in dubious markets and face the very real possibility of an underwriting break-down.

But this turnround has yet to make itself really felt. Meanwhile, rates particularly in hull business are at best at break-even, and with world markets likely to be dogged by over-capacity for some time to come, Mr Keith Williams, Royal Insurance's marine manager, as incoming chairman of the ILU, faces the difficult task of persuading potential rate rebels in London against weakening the position further.

Desmond Quigley

Plantations: clearing a way through the undergrowth

Power struggles for control of part of the Harrisons & Crosfield empire, with three bids in progress and the possibility of one or more to come, have highlighted the fractured nature of the plantations sector and the myriad cross-holdings that exist.

There has already been much rationalization in the industry over the years. This has been for several reasons—sheer economic forces, speculative financial operators, acquisition by existing plantation companies and the demand for local participation, particularly in such countries as India and Malaysia.

The structure of the plantations industry owes a great deal to its historical growth—much as is the case in the mining industry, particularly in South Africa where large finance houses control disparate mining enterprises through a network of cross-holdings. The complex interlocking nature of the Harrisons & Crosfield group is fairly simple when set against the structure of the Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa.

The reasons for the minority stakes and cross-holdings and the way they were developed by the various plantation groups obviously differ from group to group—sometimes they arose because the United Kingdom-based trading house wanted to protect its sources of supply, sometimes for diversification and sometimes for reasons of financial prudence.

> Despite much rationalization a complex structure of cross-holdings remains, which owes much to historical growth

Some of the trading houses started business by importing various commodities, such as tea, rubber and cocoa, and then developed into acting as agents and secretaries for the small, far-flung plantation companies. Some then decided to take equity stakes in the plantation company as a way of gaining board representation with a view to securing the supply of the output.

Many of the plantation companies in the Harrisons & Crosfield group are there because the group itself made the plantation and then floated it off publicly. Various groups adopted this procedure, retaining perhaps 20 per cent of the equity.

In this way the trading houses recouped part of their investment which enabled them to develop other plantations, while also limiting their exposure in any one company—a financially prudent move when the trading houses were small, particularly because of the lead time required to bring a new cultivation to maturity.

This development—which has close parallels with the development of United Kingdom backed mining ventures throughout the world—allowed investors the dual opportunities of investing in a broadly based trading house or in a single plantation company, probably dependent on one crop, where the returns were subject to the vagaries of the commodity markets but were very high in the good years.

Partly because of the erratic earnings when there was dependence on a single commodity—and partly, no doubt to help a parent trading house extend its control—many of the individual plantation companies began investing some of their profits in good years in other plantations, particularly those growing a different commodity.

In this way plantation companies received dividend income which, if it did not iron out violent fluctuations in total income, counterbalanced to some extent the dependence on a single commodity or a particular geographical location.

An example of this is London Sumatra, for which McLeod Russel is bidding, although Harrisons & Crosfield directly controls 21 per cent and other cross-holdings bring the stake up to 43.3 per cent.

London Sumatra mainly has its plantations in Indonesia, where its activities were severely constrained during the emergency after the Second World War. Dividends, however, were maintained because of income received from holdings in other companies—at present it has a holding in Harrisons & Crosfield itself and in seven Harrisons & Crosfield group companies.

Cross holdings were gradually built up over the years and there was little way, if any, of shareholders knowing. However, much of that was halted when the Takeover Panel reduced the mandatory bid level to 30 per cent, although shareholdings could be extended more gradually.

It is arguable that the present complex battle in the Harrisons & Crosfield empire might not have come about but for the 30 per cent rule.

Because of their volatile nature, plantation companies have traditionally attracted speculators hoping to make quick profits on rapid movements in the share price. Despite that, a large number of shareholdings fall into the "widows and orphans" class—shares passed down through the generations or in trust from the original estate managers.

The "immovability" of many of these trust holdings has helped to make the market more volatile by making it thinner, although, when called upon, long-standing shareholders have shown a strong loyalty to the parent companies—there was an example last year during the convoluted "Three Sisters" saga, when Golden Hope shareholders in the main stayed loyal to Harrisons & Crosfield.

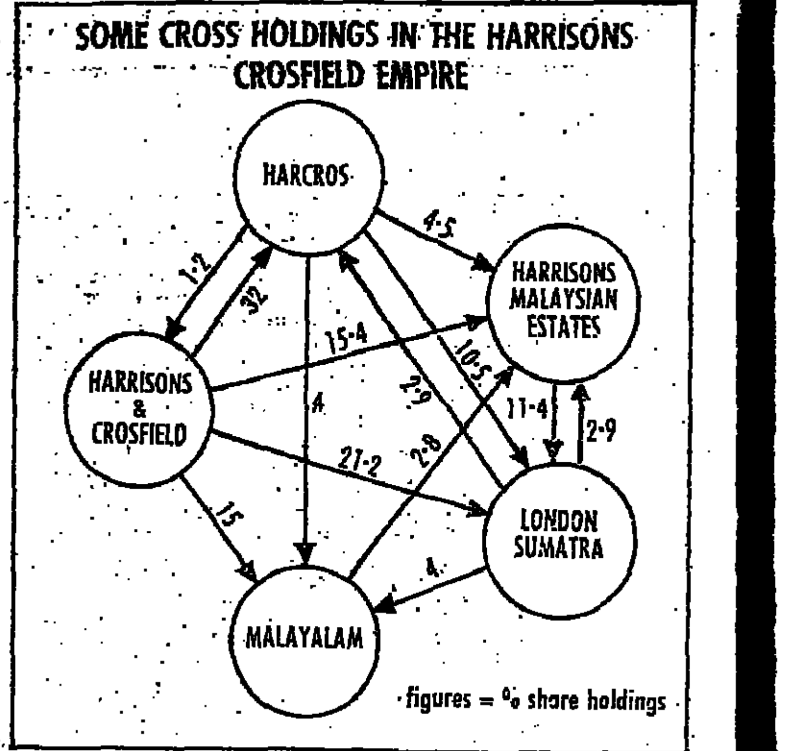
But financial operators have had their times, Jessel Securities moved into James Finlay in a strong way and then in December, 1972, Slater Walker Securities took a 17 per cent stake.

Finlay was subsequently thwarted in a rationalization of its Indian tea empire by McLeod Russel which subsequently managed to persuade Finlay to enter into a different reorganization via a joint company.

Further rationalization in the plantations sector will come in the future since there is still a plethora of small companies and minority holdings. But nationalistic instincts of the host countries will also play their part—the "Three Sisters" saga, which resulted in the merger of Golden Hope, Pataling and London Asiatic to form Harrisons Malaysian Estates, was part of a move to satisfy Malaysian demands for a degree of Malaysian interest.

Harrisons Malaysian Estates, or its mirror company, has still to change domicile, as has been done by other plantation and mining groups—such as Highlands & Lowlands and London Tin. Malayalam, for which Harrisons & Crosfield was forced to make a bid by McLeod Russel, is also preparing for "Indianization".

McLeod Russel, which only recently burst upon the scene in an aggressive manner, has yet to show whether it can upstage the long established and highly respected, if conservative, Harrisons & Crosfield.



SOME CROSS HOLDINGS IN THE HARRISONS CROSFIELD EMPIRE

Brazil looks to Africa for expansion of its trade

Patrick Knight

Brazil is making a big effort to sell to Africa and the Middle East, as barriers are raised against her goods in European and North American markets. Several major civil construction contracts, between them worth more than $2,000m (£1,053m) have been gained, and ships, fishing vessels, telecommunications equipment, motor vehicles and components are among a wide range of industrial products which have been sold.

Exports to Africa have risen in value from $70m in 1971, to more than $400m last year. Exports to the Arab world have risen five fold to $300m during the same period, though the rise for imports from there has been ten-fold, owing to the increased cost of oil.

A narrow range of raw materials are imported from the two regions. Oil from the Arab world, and also from Nigeria, phosphates from Mauritania and Morocco, copper from Zaire.

Brazil claims to be the first important tropical country to industrialize, and she consequently feels her experience is particularly appropriate for Africa. The foremost construction company, Mendes Junior, which built stretches of the Transamozonica highway is building a 540km road in Nigeria, a 600km road in Mauritania and a 400km railway in Algeria.

The firm has been awarded part of a contract for a new railway in Nigeria, and may perhaps play a part in the building of Nigeria's new inland capital, similar in concept to Brazil's capital, Brasilia.

Brazil's telecommunications companies have been awarded contracts in Nigeria, where the major effort is being concentrated. One is for the renewal of the Lagos urban network, the other for systems in the interior. The contracts are together worth $127m dollars.

A forestry firm is to plant 17 million trees over a five-year period in a $130m scheme aimed to halt the desert's advance, while 60 per cent of the Volkswagen cars assembled in Nigeria are made in Brazil. Trade with Nigeria is now in balance, and runs at around $80m in each direction. In the early 1970s Brazil exported only $500,000 worth of goods to Nigeria.

Sailings from Brazil have been increased to four a month and, as Nigeria has few ships of her own, Brazilian shipyards are to build four 6,000 ton cargo vessels, worth $40m.

A weekly flight has been inaugurated from Rio de Janeiro to Lagos, only the second link to Africa by a Brazilian airline, the other being to the Republic of South Africa. A Sao Paulo meat packing firm is supplying 200 tons of fresh meat to Nigeria each week, and five flights carry it across the Atlantic to Lagos, the contract being worth $23m a year.

Suppliers' credit worth $50m has been extended to both Mozambique and Angola, and $10m to Gabon. Those countries are using the money to buy fishing vessels, railway trucks, heavy lorries and other machinery, as well as agricultural produce.

Apart from industrial sales, Brazil is hoping to play a part in literacy programmes in Mozambique. Brazil runs one of the world's largest literacy programmes, financed by proceeds from the football pool. She may also have a role in developing Mozambique's coalfields, as Brazil has little coking coal of her own.

Brazil is trying hard to sell fishing boats, and displace traditional suppliers such as Spain. So far Mozambique and Angola have bought boats. Further sales are hoped for to Ghana, where Brazilian-built Mercedes bus chassis are assembled, and fitted with Brazilian-made coachwork, especially suitable for tough dirt roads, and also to Senegal, a country which is also considering Brazilian water-treatment plants, hydroelectric and telecommunications equipment.

As trade with black Africa increases and diversifies, disregarding profound political differences, that with South Africa has remained fairly static and in balance at around $35m in each direction for some years, making South Africa Brazil's fourth largest trading partner.

On a visit to Brazil last year, Ghana's foreign minister, Joseph Garba, said that Brazil should join in the struggle to eliminate apartheid in South Africa, with the obvious hint that a further development of trade might depend on it.

With 40 per cent of her population of African descent, Brazil finds it easy to do business with Africans. A similarity of temperament and business methods has aided the development of trade, sometimes to the detriment of the more formal European traditions.

Brazil signed a major trade agreement with Iran early last year. Her offtake of oil from there will rise from the present $300m worth to an eventual $1,000m worth by 1979, about a quarter of total imports. Exports will be led by agricultural produce, notably vegetable oils and meat, but also manufactures.

Iran, and north African countries, such as Algeria and Mauritania, have bought cars from Brazil. Sales to Iraq have also increased and Brazil hopes to win a contract to build a railway there. She has been successful in selling frozen chickens to Iraq, as well as to other Arab countries.

Brazil is a low cost chicken producer, aided by abundant and cheap maize and soya meal, and can undercut European suppliers (as well as claiming a tastier chicken). This is threatening to bring about a "chicken war" in the Middle East and elsewhere.

Fears have been expressed in the banking community that Brazil is extending credit and doing business when others are hesitating. On that list is Turkey, to whom she has sold $53m worth of tractors, and to whom she might also sell light armoured cars, and Angola, Mozambique and Ghana, whose general credit rating is low.

But as a country with an overseas debt of some $30,000m, itself cause for concern in some banking circles, Brazil sees the situation in a slightly different light.

She hopes to attract large Arab investments, but so far only Iran has shown any real interest, and then only in industries yielding more than 20 per cent annual profits. Libya has also recently stated that she wishes to use Brazilian technology. Substantial amounts of Arab funds do flow to Brazil, however, through the Eurodollar market.

An important trade fair was recently held in Sao Paulo, and 100 of the official guests were from African nations, another 100 from the Arab world. This was the same number as from Europe and North America, markets which between them still account for virtually 50 per cent of Brazil's export revenues, compared with less than 7 per cent from Africa and the Arab world.

This illustrates the importance being given to these new markets in Brazilian trading circles, and the confidence that Brazil will be able to do well in these difficult areas.

Business Diary: Trader Stan's farewell • Fringe benefits

Ross, the man who estab-d the London Eurobond ng activities of American ers, Kidder Peabody, has after "differences over r-term policy."

ss, an ebullient Londoner, wing out as chairman of er Peabody Securities after years putting out *The t in Eurobonds*, a newslet-hat was widely read but e idiosyncratic tone was quite what one would iate with Kidder Peabody Co, an Ivy League New investment bank.

roughout last year Ross, on's best known Eurobond r, took a cautious view e newsletter of the out- for bond prices when the final quarter) prices firming.

the last issue of the news-to appear—that of Decem-16—Ross hinted that edi- changes were under way, here was no hint of a gement reshuffle.

hatever we come up , he wrote, "I shall edit occasionally put the odd in, so you will not have d of me entirely, but the ed emphasis will be on rporate view."

ow seems, however, that will leave in March and he "corporate view" not in the Newsletter but in is to be enforced in no tain terms by his New ased successor, Richard , the bank's director of ational operations.

s is on holiday in the as this week and is said considering several offers. ation of the newsletter is to be resumed in more form, although, of course, not entirely out of the question that it might have a sprightly rival once Ross settles on a new berth.

■ It is the Italian taxpayer who pays the home telephone bill, which amounted to 1.6m lire (£1,000) in a recent quarter, of Carlo Donat Cattin, the Industry Minister.

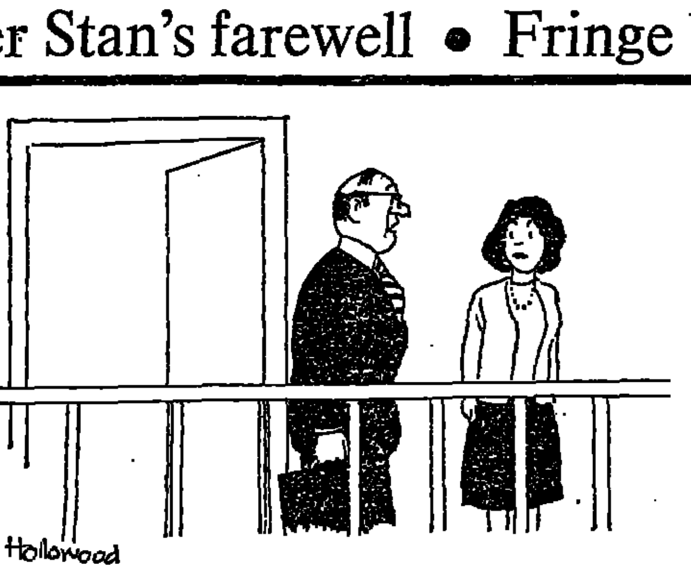
This is just one fact unearthed by the illustrated weekly *L'Europeo* in an inquiry into the labyrinth of privileges and fringe benefits from which most Italians seem to benefit in one way or another.

Regulations lay down that private telephones of ministers and senior civil servants are paid for out of public funds.

Among other curiosities listed by the magazine are payment by the government's Development Agency for the South of executives' personal taxes, while the Public Credit Institute gives a "wife indemnity". This is not a solace for the hen-pecked husband, but a special payment to executives, whose wives also work for the institute.

Women are better off than the men in the Italian Chamber of Deputies. A *Deputatessi* can draw £21 a month "coiffeur allowance" spendable at one of three women's hairdressers in the centre of Rome.

Employment in the Bank of Italy is estimated by the magazine to be one of the cushiest of jobs, for the official enjoys besides his salary a cost of living allowance, a so-called residence grant, a prize for attendance, an incentive prize, an indemnity for rank, a housing indemnity, family allowance and, for those living in Rome or Milan, a contribution to travelling costs.



"Carry on with the capsules and keep reminding him that single-figure inflation is just around the corner."

■ By tomorrow the Department of the Environment should be able to announce the names of the new Lord of the Manor of Barnehorne and his (or possibly her) counterpart in the manor of Agmerhurst.

The two titles, which carry no land or manorial rights but which may be used to adorn letterheads and in other ways impress, were offered for sale by tender along with other items of Battle Abbey estate, near Hastings.

Tenders close at 11 am today.

More than 200 had been submitted at the last count, although it is only fair to assume that some people are seeking one of the four cottages on offer rather than a name for themselves.

How much will the titles fetch? How many offers came from overseas? No one at the DoE was able to say yesterday, as the tenders had simply been bundled into a box on arrival.

The estate was bought by the department for £690,000 in June, 1976, to save the abbey and the site of the Battle of Hastings.

Some of the estate, including a pond which fetched £5,100, was knocked down a little more than 12 months ago. The DoE is naturally retaining the abbey and about 150 acres of battlefield, but for those still wanting to grab a bit of historic Britain, the remainder of the estate is to be auctioned off soon.

■ Greenall Whitley, an independent firm of brewers in Warrington, Cheshire, has produced a report on 1977 for its employees and customers which offers an interesting breakdown on how the proceeds from every 100 pints of beer sold are shared.

The taxman takes in one form or another the money received for 51 of the pints (an "average individual" drinks about a hundred pints in six months). Suppliers of everything from hops to bottle tops receive 26 pints' worth and employees the value of about 15 pints. About seven pints' worth goes into investment and the shareholder receives one pint's worth.

The brewer guesstimates that the tax paid by the company—or the drinker—in one year would run the county police force for five years or pay the country's unemployment benefit for a month. The money might also build 300 primary schools.

There are no figures for Concorde, British Leyland or any other bottomless pit, but why dispel the entrancing illusion that one is doing a public service by getting in another round?

David Tench, legal officer of the Consumers' Association and a moving spirit behind the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977, which comes into force a week today, tells how he went recently to Rank Hotels' Royal Lancaster in London to address a seminar on the new legislation. At the cloakroom he received a ticket on the back of which the management desired "to make it clear that they, their servants and agents do not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage whether arising from negligence or any other circumstances whatsoever." This is precisely the sort of exclusion clause "his" Act invalidates from next week.

Hickson & Welch
(HOLDINGS) LIMITED

Profit at a peak £10m: increased U.K. capital spending planned

Once again I am delighted to report that our group has achieved a record profit for the year in spite of the uncertainty which has affected the chemical sector generally during the period under review. The profit of £10.13m, before taxation, was 28% higher than last year. All divisions showed an improved profit, but the major growth came from the chemical side where pre-tax profits increased by 29%. Chemicals now account for 75% of group profits as against 74% last year. This trend is perhaps to be expected as the larger part of our capital investment has been in this field.

Capital Investment
We believe that in an industry characterised by technological change continued investment in the most modern plant is essential if future growth is to be achieved. Last year we spent a total of £5.78m of which £4.91m was in the chemical companies.

In the present year we are planning a capital expenditure of £7.4m in the United Kingdom of which £6.9m will be in chemical plant and supporting services. These figures show that in spite of the present pessimism about general market conditions for 1978 we have confidence in our future and believe that the United Kingdom continues to be the right place for our major expansion.

Reduced Borrowings
Additional borrowing for capital expenditure for 1976/77 proved to be unnecessary. In fact the group reduced its net overall borrowings from £3.05m to £2.43m.

Future Prospects
World trade remains depressed and demand from our large markets in Western Europe and the United States is less than at this time last year. In addition the improvement in sterling will depress the trading profit from our exports. On the other hand we continue to improve our efficiency and increase the productive capacity of our plants and the range of our products; and the strengthening of sterling will enable us to buy more cheaply those of our raw materials which come from abroad.

My view is that if the present trends continue we shall have difficulty in reaching last year's profit, but when the improvement in the world's economic well-being eventually comes we shall be in a position to produce better results than any yet achieved.

Year ended 30th September	1977 £'000	1976 £'000
Group profit before taxation	10,135	7,918
Earnings for ordinary shareholders	7,294	5,657
Total ordinary dividend	668	599
	(20.7532%)*	(18.5808%)*
Investment in new capital expenditure	5,778	3,289
Turnover	68,108	54,460
Export sales of the U.K. companies	26,000	20,500
Earnings—pence per share	113†	88

*Net
†Based on 6,447,107 ordinary shares in issue at the balance sheet date.

These extracts are from the 1977 Annual Report and Statement by the Chairman, Dr. T. Harrington. The full version can be obtained from the Secretary, Castleford, West Yorkshire WF10 2JT.

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS HICKSON AND TIMBER PRESERVERS

Stock markets

Equities' downward drift continues

With both buyers and sellers staying out of the stock market and little news to spark interest, equities continued to drift quietly down yesterday.

And it took little more than a couple of disappointing company results and a "bearish" circular from brokers Fielding, Newson-Smith to have jobbers marking down their stocks. The FT index closed at its lowest level of the session, down 3.2 at 483.4.

Although Treasury Bills are trading at a rate which could see MLR down ¼ to 6¼ per cent at the end of the week, the gilt market could take no encouragement from the news and "*longs*" *drifted lower* throughout the sessien closing at the bottom, up to half a point off in many places. Short-dated securities, after opening steadily, fell back by around three-sixteenths and, despite a rally over lunch, ended the day with losses of up to a quarter and three-eighths.

Could Fenton Hill Group, which controls sweet manufacturer G. F. Lovell, be in the market to mop-up the rest of the equity? There is a buyer on the prowl and the shares, which have drifted up from a 20p level at the beginning of the year, jumped a further 7p to 33p yesterday in a thin market.

Worries about possible confrontation next month with the power workers and new pay challenges looming with the lorry and petrol tanker drivers knocked a penny or two off many industrial leaders. Glaxo lost 2p to 590p, Bowater drifted 1p lower to 176p and BOC down 1½p to 74½p. EMI at 190p and GEC at 274p both showed penny gains while ICI at 346p, Beecham at 655p and Rank at 262p were all unchanged.

Lucas shed 9p to 261p on country selling and one broker was talking of a deal in the region of 175,000 shares being handled in the Midlands. Hoover was another group to be hit by industrial news and the "A" *shares lost 10p to 350p* reflecting the substantial lay-offs at Merthyr Tydfil and elsewhere.

A dismal warning from the chairman of **Carpets International** about heavy losses in Australia sliced 7p from the shares at 47p and took **Youghal** at 55p and *Hugh McKay at 47p both* off a penny or two, down with it.

Davy International, which started a penny easier before its figures, slumped 19p on interims well below market estimates, as foreshadowed here. However further consideration helped them rally to 230p, down 14p on the session.

Other companies affected by *figures were* **W. G. Allen** (Tipton) which recovered a fall of 4p to close unchanged at 54p and **Management Agency & Music**, down 3p to 75p on the chairman's review.

In oils **BP** shed 4p to the psychological 800p level *after overnight selling on Wall* Street while **Shell** fell 8p to 508p and **Tricentrol** slipped 4p to 158p. However there is some speculation thattbe price of this stock may start to climb again, once the Thistle field comes on stream around mid-February.

Oil Exploration recovered some of the sharp losses of earlier in this account, adding 8p to 234p but much of this was due to bear closing rather than any real interest in the stock which is continuing to suffer from fears of a dry well in the North Sea and fading bid hopes.

One bright spot in the market was in platinum shares which rose with the metal price adding 9p to **Rustenburg** at 95p and 10p to **Bishopsgate** at 90p.

Gold *shares failed to hold* initial improvements with many closing only slightly better.

Tate & Lyle lost another 2p to 204p ahead of today's results while **British Sugar** *held steady* at 485p. The group is reporting *tomorrow*. **Inchcape**, unveiling results the same day, added a further 2p to 382p.

Pride & Clarke, currently under offer from Inchcape *climbed 5p to 542p while many* other motor distributors continued their run of earlier this week. T. C. Harrison ended 3p to the good at 109p while H. J. Quick added 2½p to 44½p.

Hopes that furniture manufacturers will benefit from stepped up consumer spending added one to three pence to **Christie Tyler** *at 77p*, **B. Fertleman** at 38p and **Stag Furniture** at 104p. **Parker Knoll** after touching 116p closed unchanged at 113½p.

However stores failed to cash in on the optimism and **Debenhams** at 106p, **GUS "A"** at *296p and Mothercare at 170p* all registered falls of 4p. **Marks & Spencers** closed 2p down at 152p.

George Bassett addtd 2p at one *point to 157p on hopes of* a bid from **Cadbury Schweppes** while comment also helped *National Carbonising* add 2p to 52p.

Of the speculative stocks **Oxley Printing** added 5p to 56p while **Hoskins & Horton**, the Birmingham based hospital equipment maker and civil engineer jumped 7p to a year's high of 130p. There is no talk yet of any take-over but Britan*nic Assurance has a 10 per cent* stake in the group.

Pauls & Whites continued its upward climb firming 2p to 126p while **Henry Wigfall** shed 4p to 258p. **Bidder Comet Radiovision** rose 2p to 108p.

Full results are to be announced, "in due course", from Lonrho's problem child, Dunford & Elliot, the Sheffield steel group. Lonrho indicated at the time of its own preliminary figures that Dunford's profits fell something like £3.5m short of the £5m forecast during the bid battle with Johnson & Firth Brown, but Dunford still has quoted loan stocks so Stock Exchange rules mean that full results must be announced.

The announcement of a bid for **Bainbridge Engineering** gave the group its quote back and left **Winn Industries**, bidding 45p, unchanged at 40½p.

McLeod Russell clawed back part of its 10p fall in after hours trading closing 5p down at 245p. It is understood that the group has sold its stake in **Malayalam**, *unchanged at 33½p*. **Equity turnover on January 23 was £56.03m (14,779 bargains).** Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Rank Organisation, BP, De Beers, Davy International, RTZ, Avon Rubber, Grand Metropolitan, *Reed International*, *Turner* and Newall, Debenham, ICI, Burmah, Shell, Midland Bank, Rustenburg, Oxley Print, Davenport, Carpets Int.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
W. G. Allen (I)	3.09(2.73)	0.18(0.23)	—(—)	0.8(0.8)	31/3	—(2.5)
Am Dist Prod (I)	6.65(4.99)	0.05(0.02a)	—(—)	0.5(Nil)	28/2	—(0.25)
Peter Black (I)	*11.74(8.76)*	*0.99(0.80)*	—(—)	*2.42(2.2)*	1/5	—(5.7)
Davy Int (I)	106.1(68.3)	8.34(7.29)	—(—)	3.63(3.25)	—	—(9.8)
Glass. Glover (F)	24.11(19.03)	0.43(0.32)	3.63(2.52)	0.99(0.52)	1/4	1.22(1.1)
Green Grp (F)	—(—)	*0.77(0.34)*	*21.4(6.46)*	*3.0(—)*	24/3	*4.25(6.5)*
Hammersley (F)	392.7b(362.3b)	57.8b(42.2b) b)	—(—)	8(—)	4/5	16(11)
Kingside Inv (F)	—(—)	0.20(0.16)	2.28(1.88)	1.70(1.4)	29/3	—(1.9)
MIM Hldngs (I)	*177.8b(160.5)*	*20.08b (18.40*	—(—)	*3(3)*	*10/4*	*—(9)*
R.&J. Pullman (I)	6.25(5.16)	0.40(0.34)	7.04(5.80)	1.81(1.65)	—	—(5.4)
F. S. Ratcliffe (I)	—(—)	0.11(0.08)	6.89(5.16)	1.0(1.0)	—	—(4.7)
Utd Brit Secs (I)	—(—)	*0.95(0.87)*	—(—)	*1.25(1.0)*	—	—(3.9)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a loss. b dollars & cents.

American Express earnings up 34 pc

American Express reports consolidated net earnings gains of 34.8 per cent for 1977. It was the thirtieth consecutive year of increases in net earnings and net earnings per share.

Net income for the year was $262.1m (about £135m) or $3.65 a share, compared with $194.5m, or $2.70 a share, for 1976. *Annual revenues were $3,450m*, an increase of 16.9 per cent.

Net income for the fourth quarter was $69.2m, or 96 cents a share, compared with $55.5m, or 77 cents, for the corresponding period of 1976, a rise of 24.7 per cent. Revenues for the *quarter increased 18.2 per cent* to $928.8m.

"These favourable results reflect strong performances by all the company's major business segments—*travel-related* services, international banking services and insurance services", said Mr James D. Robinson, chairman. "The Fireman's Fund Insurance subsidiaries experienced an outstanding year, primarily as a *result of improved underwriting* performance."

Net income of travel and financial services (other than insurance) rose 12.9 per cent in 1977 to $134.6m. Net income for the fourth quarter was $28.8m.

Gains by the company's travel *and financial services* were paced by the American Express Card. The card once again established records in charge volume, membership and spending per card member. Charge volume on the card rose 21 per cent. With particularly strong growth recorded internationally, world-wide card membership advanced 10.7 per cent to 8.6m.

"The card's excellent progress during 1977 is especially gratifying in view of the intensified competitive environment", said Mr Robinson.

Travellers' cheque sales showed continued gains through*out the year, with year-end out*standings reaching a new peak. The overall growth in outstandings slowed as a result of a sluggish Canadian economy and *weakness of the United States* dollar in the closing months of 1977.

American Express Travel Service experienced a good year in 1977.

Greenall investment paying off as market share raised

By Our Financial Staff

Warrington-based and Vladivar Vodka group, Greenall Whitley, which *recently* reported a 17 per cent increase to £10.2m in pre-tax profits for the year to last September, reports a bright start to the *current* year.

In his annual statement, Mr Christopher Hatton, chairman, gives the news that sales to date are "well ahead". *Last year it turned in a £100m* turnover for the first time. But he reckons that sales could be markedly helped by an increase in consumer spending if the *planned tax cuts come through* and inflation, as the signs are, kept under control.

Generally, growth in the brewing division in 1976-77 was *very satisfactory*" in view of the fact that the total United Kingdom market for beer sales in the same period *declined*. This meant that Greenall stepped-up its market share.

The group also continues to make inroads in free trade clubs *outside its* traditional trading area. Encouragingly, expansion of sales has been achieved in all trading areas of the company. These take in the Midlands, Yorkshire, South *Scotland and Cumbria*. Mr Hatton looks forward to continued growth in this field of operation.

In the year just past the *group opened nine new public* houses in Wigan, Clayton-le-Woods, Walkden, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Salford, Stockport and Derby. In the *year ahead, Greenall expects to* open a further 10 new outlets, including two in Yorkshire, and one in Stafford.

Regarding prospects for the *next 12 months, Mr Hatton* is optimistic that Greenalls will continue to increase its market share of beer sales, both in its traditional region in the North-West and elsewhere. There was no doubt, he adds, that the group's investment over the *past few years in improving* plant and the major expenditure on rebuilds of public houses, besides the acquisition and building of fresh outlets were coming through to fruition.

Established in brewing over 200 years ago the group is Britain's biggest regional brewery. There are about 1,500 licensed houses together with many free trade outlets.

Disputes hit Allen but dividend still to rise

In spite of sales expanding from £2.73m to £3.09m in the half-year to September 30, pre-tax profits of *W. G. Allen and* Sons (Tipton) fell from £235,000 *to £180,000*.

Although the results for the second half are unlikely to equal those for the second half of 1976-77, the latest projections support the board's intention to raise the total dividend by the maximum allowed of *10* per cent. Meanwhile, the interim dividend is being effectively maintained at 1.21p gross.

Trading conditions in the first half were "very mixed", the board reports. Sales of free-standing air heaters went particularly well and sales of steam *boilers continued to rise*.

Sales of hot-water boilers and fabrications at Tipton and of mechanical handling equipment continued to reflect the lack of *any recovery in capital invest*ment and construction. In August and September the output of the Tipton works was severely restricted by Stage 3 *wage disputes*.

These disputes continued into the second half of the year in October and *November. The* Tipton works' ability to produce in this period was further hampered by British Oxygen's inability to make deliveries—also Stage 3 disputes.

The overall effect of these factors was to reduce margins.

Amal Dist resumes interim payment

By Michael Clark

A strong improvement in th Scotch whisky division forme the basis of a recovery : Amalgamated Distilled Pr ducts, with trading profits f the six months to September 3 more than doubled at £250,00

Turnover of the Glasgo based Scotch whisky distill and beer bottler, increased l 33 per cent to £6.65m wi *group net trading profit r* bounding from only £13,000 £131,000. An extraordinary ite of £25,000 was the discount loan to a former subsidiary.

The directors are confide that the group's improved tra ing and profit performance w be maintained. Shareholder therefore, are to receive interim dividend of 0.75p gros The last payment to sharehol ers was a final and total pa ment of 0.37p for the 12 mont to March 31, last year.

In his statement accompan ing the results, Mr Ellis Goo man, chairman, says that th Scotch whisky operations ha shown considerable improv ment over last year, with th distillery operating at full ca acity and a return to profitab *trading in blending and bottli* at Grangemouth.

Scotch whisky sales, th chairman adds have been ve buoyant and total value is no *expected to reach £2m for th* year against £1.2m last yea Meanwhile, sales of the group *Old Court, Fraser McDona* and Scotia Royale brands ha made substantial progress many leading markets a while costs have been increa ing every effort is being ma by the group to improve ma gins by price increases whe ever possible and here, th recent industry recommend price rises will be of benefit.

While some currency loss will be incurred in the curre six months on cased sales the United States, they are n expected to be too *significa* But the chairman warns th though interest rates have dro ped dramatically, the long-ter financing of whisky stocks support the group's increas export sales still presents pro lems.

Briefly

Poor season fails to stop Pullman

In spite of a poor summer, R. & J. Pullman, manufacturers of ladies' and children's wear, managed to push pre-tax profits *up from £342,000 to £403,000 in* the half-year to September 30. There is no tax charge, compared with one of £10,000 last year. Tax has been calculated to incorporate stock appreciation relief and the 1976 figures have been amended, the board explains.

Turnover rose from £5.16m to £6.25m. The interim dividend, gross, is being lifted by the maximum 10 per cent, to 2.74p. This payment is covered nearly four times by earnings per share of 7.04p.

Group chairman, Mr Maurice Hope, reports that the interim figures were achieved in spite of the very poor summer for the home trade which left Pullman with some stocks which had to be cleared at bargain prices. But export business remained buoyant. Towards the end of the first half, *signs of an* improvement in home trade appeared and these have become stronger in recent months. With orders in hand "well ahead" on last year, both from the United Kingdom and overseas. Mr Hope expects a "very *satisfactory*" *rise* in the full-year's turnover and profits. The shares rose by 3p to 96p.

MIDLAND BANK

Midland Bank is to buy the 40 per cent shareholding in First Overseas Credit formerly held by Citibank. The holdings of the other shareholders *remain* unchanged.

HARVEYS OF BRISTOL

Turnover of Harveys of Bristol (subsidiary of Allied Breweries) for year to Sept 24, £70.38m (£57.65m). Pre-tax profit, £13.81m (£8.66m).

HONGKONG TIN

Board report severe landslide occurred on Jan 20 at mine. Production adversely affected. Rehabilitation in progress.

CLIFTON INVESTMENTS

Alcrafield has sold its holding of 3.37m shares in Clifton Investment (about 54 per cent) at 12p a share. Alcrafield has received assurances that the purchasers are not acting in concern and no bid for the remaining shares is expected.

BARNAGORE JUTE

Board plans to ask shareholders to approve transfer of residence of company to India for tax and exchange control purposes.

SKETCHLEY DISPOSAL

Sketchley has sold 95 per cent of its interest in its Belgian workwear *rental subsidiary* Serribel SA to MEWA (Mechanische Weberei Altstadt, GmbH) of Wiesbaden. *The consideration for the* sale was nominal.

SONATRACH

Algerian state oil and gas concern, Sonatrach, is arranging a $35m 10-year Euroloan at 1⅞ per cent over interbank rates. Loan, which is *being managed* by Marine Midland Bank, carries guarantee of Banque Exterieure d'Algérie.

DUNDONIAN

Dundonia has bought Guernsey-based *Sarnia Mutual Supply* for £275,000.

US BROKER IN LONDON

Bateman, Eichler, Hill Richards, California-based broker has opened office in London.

Town & City gets the all-clear for £24m Eastbourne centre

By Ray Maughan

The full committee of the Eastbourne Council has ratified the proposals presented by Town & City Properties and Legal & General Assurance (Pensions) for the £24m two-phase development of the town centre.

Final documentation has yet to be completed but Town & City will be taking a part equity and part project management *interest in the scheme*. Since the project has gone back to the group's initial two-phase concept, following the withdrawal of John Laing and its partner earlier this month, there will be an alteration in plan to accommodate the change in phasing.

The 10-acre site will comprise 420,000 sq ft of development and the initial phase will include construction of four major stores, three store extensions and a multi-storey car park. Among the retailers who have expressed very strong interest in the entire scheme since its original concept are Littlewoods, Marks & Spencer, *F. W. Woolworth*, the *Co-operative* Retail Society, British Home Stores and Boots.

Commenting on the council's endorsement of the project, Mr Jeffrey Sterling chairman of Town & City, said he was delighted for the team built up by his Arndale Property Trust shop and shopping centre subsidiary and observed that this was probably the first major site development since the property sector's boom days.

Elswick-Hopper in big farm machinery expansion

Elswick-Hopper is to extend its distribution network for farm machinery in the North of England. The company has agreed to buy B. H. Brown, an agricultural engineering company with premises in Newcastle upon Tyne and Alnwick, Northumberland.

B. H. Brown is a main dealer *for International Harvester and* Claas machinery and its activity will combine well with Elswick-Hopper's three subsidiary companies which distribute farm *machinery in Yorkshire and* North Humberside.

The consideration of the purchase was £340,000, satisfied by the issue of 2m shares at 17p, being the middle market price in late November, 1977, when terms were agreed. Elswick's *shares closed unchanged at 22½p* yesterday.

At November 30, 1976, the net value of assets of B. H. Brown and its subsidiary, which carries out associated parts sales and service operations, were approximately £291,000.

Net profits for the year to that date (after deducting all charges except taxation and excluding extraordinary items) amounted to £80,000.

Announcing these details, Elswick-Hopper chairman, Mr J. L. Turner, said the purchase *was in line with the company's* stated policy of growth through acquisition of companies which complemented existing strengths within the group. He welcomed *the decision of Sir Ralph Carr-*Ellison to continue as chairman ~~of B. H. Brown and to join the~~ board of Elswick-Hopper.

Established in 1880 as a bicycle manufacturer, Elswick's main business is now the distribution and manufacture of agri*cultural equipment, bicycles* and light engineering supplies.

It made pre-tax profits of £645,000 in the year to January 31, 1977, on a turnover of £10.41m.

Rustenburg again raises price

Rustenburg Platinum Mines, the world's largest platinum producer, has increased its producer price for the second time in a *month and* the third time in two months. Yesterday the price was raised from $180 an ounce to $205 an ounce, having been $162 an ounce in November.

The price increase has come on the back of a *strong revival* in the platinum free market price which yesterday stood at $217 an ounce (£111.40). Last month Impala Platinum, the other large South African producer, raised its price to $180 and will follow suit if convinced *that the market will remain* firm.

Yesterday Rustenburg's shares rose 9p to 95p, while those of Bishopsgate, the quoted vehicle for Impala, *rose 10p to 90p*.

Winn Ind bids 45p for Bainbridge

The boards of Winn Industries and Bainbridge Engineering have agreed terms whereby Winn will offer 45p cash a *share for each Bainbridge ordin*ary with a share option of 11 Winn shares for every ten Bainbridge. This offer gives Bainbridge a total value of £684,000. The board of Bainbridge consider the offer fair and reasonable and will recommend shareholders to accept. They and other shareholders have irrevocably undertaken to accept for 636,000 ordinary, representing 41.8 per cent of the capital.

Other shareholders holding a further 160,000 ordinary, 10.5 per cent of the equity, have already indicated their intention *of accepting*.

Bainbridge recently reported a dip in pre-tax profits from £108,000 to £84,000 for the six months to September 30, 1977. Whole turnover rose only slightly higher at £459,000. Much of the blame for the poor performance was blamed on the difficult conditions in the building industry and reductions in spending by Local Authorities.

Interim advance at Peter Black

On sales up from £8.76m to £11.74m, *pre-tax profits of* Peter Black Holdings expanded from 804,000 to £994,000 for the six months to October 31. The board explains that the group remains subject to *market and* margin pressures, but the order position is healthy and it faces *the future with* confidence. Pre-tax profits of this footwear and travel goods manufacturer *reached a record £1.43m in* the year to April 30, 1977. The interim dividend is going up by the maximum permitted, from 3.33p to 3.66p gross.

Progress maintained at Glass. Glover

Once again record results are *reported by the Glass. Glover* Group, food distributors and importers of fresh fruit and vegetables. On turnover up by 26.7 per cent to £24.11m in the year to September 30, pre-tax profits increased by a third to £433,000. The total gross dividend *is going up by the* maximum allowed, from 1.69p to 1.86p. Prospects are good for the current year.

K Shoes steps off brightly in new year

Having turned in pre-tax profit for 1976-77 increased some 33.5 per cent to £2.09m on turnover up 9 per cent to £43.15m, *K Shoes bids fair to* do better in the year ahead to next September 30.

Mr Spencer Crookenden, chairman, in his annual report, says a "*satisfactory*" *start* has been made to the new year. For manufacturing the prospects look brighter, he said, since the factories are busy and should *remain so well into the spring* to cope with orders already in hand. Though in a highly competitive market, faced with a "huge" inflow of imported shoes, he believes that its better *styling, higher quality and more* diligent service will help the group towards a good level of profit.

Lonrho to take over cargo airline

Lonrho have entered into a conditional agreement to *acquire Tradewinds Airways*, a leading United Kingdom international cargo airline. The airline currently operates a fleet of Boeing 707-320C's and CL 44D *freight aircraft*.

Yearling bond rate rises to 7 pc

This week's coupon on local authority bonds has gone up from 6⅞ per cent to 7 per cent issued at 100. The biggest borrower this week is the City of Leeds with £1.5m, while those borrowing £1m include Sevenoaks *District Council*, City of Dundee District Council, Grampian Regional Council and the London Borough of Redbridge. The City of Sheffield is borrowing £750,000.

HOWARD SHUTTERING

Interim report says that fall in new building contracts referred to at year-end is continuing into current year, while turnover has increased. Disappointing half-year *figures due to a loss in shuttering* and concrete structures division.

First-quarter sales up by 44 pc at Elson & Robbins

From strength to strength goes *Nottingham-based Elson* and Robbins, which made a *best-ever £1.74m pre-tax in the* year to September 30. At the annual meeting, Mr Eric Keeling, the chairman, told shareholders that the first quarter's sales had reached £4.87m—a rise of 44 per cent over the similar quarter last year. Pre-tax profits were £565,000. They are not compared with the first quarter for last time, but pre-tax profits for the six months to March 31, 1977, were £759,000.

With the exception of the growth achieved at *Elson's DIP* subsidiary, the pattern of sales and profits has not differed significantly from that which the chairman reported in his *annual statement*.

As far as DIP is concerned, priority is being given to sales of Premier heaters for the southern hemisphere.

The group's sales director and gas development manager are now in Australia organizing the necessary gas approvals and marketing arrangements. The chairman will be joining his colleagues at the end of this week and he has every confidence that sales will be made in these markets during March-June. This envisaged diversification of heater sales will give the group more consistent turnover pattern in future, Mr Keeling predicted, along with the increased sales, a profit rise for the current year.

International

Arco boosts 1977 income by 22% to $700m

Atlantic Richfield Co, the integrated petroleum concern, active *in all phases of the in*dustry, reports a net income of $701.5m or $5.76 per share, for the full year, 1977, compared with $575m or $5.04 a share, in 1976—an increase of 22 per cent.

For the fourth quarter, net income totalled $171m, which was up 37 per cent from the $124.8m achieved a year earlier.

The company attributed its *higher 1977 earnings primarily* to the inclusion of Anaconda company's operations, production from the Alaskan north *slope* in the latter part of the year and the high level of investment tax credit earned by completion of several large capital projects during the year.

The company said that earnings were also aided by improved United States petroleum refining and marketing results *and higher natural gas prices*, partially offset by increased interest expenses and domestic exploration costs.—AP-Dow Jones and Reuter.

MIM Holdings ahead

MIM Holdings has lifted net operating profits from $A18.4m to $A20m in the 24 weeks to December 18. The company 46 per cent owned by the American group Asarco Inc, reports that in addition there has been a $7m capital gain from the sale of its holding in Theiss Holdings. The directors say that the increase in results was mainly as a result of increased metal sales. Turnover increased by 10.8 per cent to $A117.8m on large shipments of copper, lead *and silver. The interim dividend* remains unchanged at 3 cents.

Singer cuts debt

Singer Company, the sewing machine manufacturers of New Jersey, says it has cut its debt in 1977 by about $120m (about £63m) and expects to further reduce it by $150m this year. The company reported operating fourth quarter earnings of $26.6m against $20.6m in the similar period a year ago.

The company said that its air conditioning and heating equipment operation, aerospace and marine systems and other operations improved, but the sewing products area had a decline in consumer sewing machines sales, but it was *encouraged by sales of elec*tronic sewing machines.

Tax change aids TWA

Trans World Airlines says that the 1976 Tax Reform Act helped its after-tax results by reducing *its 1977 tax liability by $11.4m* (about £6m). The company said that fourth quarter earnings showed a profit of 52 cents a share over a loss of 20 cents in the year earlier quarter.

The chairman, Mr Edwin Smart, said that TWA was entering 1978 with vigorous momentum in each of its three operat*ing units and in the strongest* financial condition in recent years.

Xerox's high hopes

The Xerox Corporation of America which reported an 18 per cent rise *in its fourth quar*ter, says that 1978 should be another good year in terms of both revenues and profits.

The chairman, Mr C. Peter McColough *and the president*, Mr David Kerns, announced that worldwide placements of copiers and duplicators were up by 20 per cent from 1976. The number of copies made *on leased machines* rose by 13 per cent. "All of our major cost objectives were achieved", they said.

Nippon Glass venture

The Nippon Glass Company of Japan says that it will seek capital participation by Owens-Illinois of America *to help it* to reconstruct its business. Owens-Illinois will acquire a 19.4 per cent stake in Nippon Glass, with seven million *shares to be allocated to the* United States firm soon after Nippon Glass raises its capital to 1,800m yen (about £3.6m). Nippon Glass and Owens-Illinois *entered into a technical* assistance agreement, under which the American company provides the Japanese with know-how on glass products.

Stenhouse stays cool but confident

By Ashley Druker

Insurance broking and industrial group Stenhouse Holdings, which climbed 35 per cent to £10.02m pre-tax in the year to end-September, as *reported some five weeks ago*, is playing it cool on the current year. Mr Gavin Boyd, the outgoing chairman, believes it too early as yet to make any *meaningful forecast on the* eventual outcome. But subject to economic and industrial stability, the future generally is viewed with confidence Mr *John G. Stenhouse*, vice-chairman, succeeds Mr Boyd.

Features in the year just past were not only the continued increase in profits from *insurance broking* but also the very marked upturn in the fortunes of Stenhouse Industries. It chipped in with a first-time £2m-plus.

The *major investment in* Reed Shaw Osler—some 54 per cent—also produced splendid results. Though most of the earnings increase came from existing operations, RSO expanded into three fresh sectors, bringing its total number of offices worldwide to some 142 Expansion continues in virtually every country and particularly in the United States.

Each of the four divisions of Stenhouse Industries—jewellery, engineering, timber and hosiery—turned in increased profits, making a total increase of one third—and all in a period when the United Kingdom economy was sluggish and virtually all sales are made to United Kingdom customers.

Referring to his board's previously stated intention to *separate Stenhouse Industries* as an independent public company, he says that though the board has the matter under constant surveillance, it is not ready to announce details of such a move.

Hamersley's sharp drop i final quarte

By Desmond Quigley

Earnings and sales dropp sharply in the final quarter last year at Hammersley, t Australian iron ore mine which Rio Tinto-Zinc has *effective 39 per cent holding*

Nevertheless in a year wh the world steel industry w very depressed. Hamersley i creased consolidated net ear *ings for the calender financi* year to $A57.8m from $A42.3 on sales revenue of $393m co pared with $362m.

The level of ore shipp *dropped by nearly three milli* tonnes, but because of high prices on some contracts ar the lower exchange rate on t Australian dollar, revenue w higher.

Although total output w slightly reduced at 34.9 tonnes, the stockpile has bee increased by 1.7m tonnes

The final dividend has bee increased by one cent a sha to 8 cents a share, making *total distribution* of 16 cen compared with 11 cents. Ha ersley is the first of the maj RTZ companies to report the full year results.

H & H Factors moves into the South-West

Following an extensive stud of the financial needs of indu *try in the south-west of Englan* H. & H. Factors, one of Britain largest factoring houses, has s up an office in Bristol to mee the growing demand for facto *ing services and facilities* i this region.

H. & H. Factors is a subsid ary of the Walter E. Hell International Corporation Chicago, the world's large factoring organization with world-wide network of 21 fa *toring subsidiaries and assoc* ate companies.

Business appointments

New director of finance at Smiths Industries

Mr A. K. Hornsby has been made director of finance at Smiths Industries.

Mr Andrew Seth has become marketing director of Lever Brothers. Mr Vic Rice-Smith has been made personnel director.

Five new directors have been named by Continental Oil. They are Mr T. W. Sigler (senior vice-president, Continental Oil Company, USA); Mr R. A. Fowler (managing director, Conoco Limited, London); Mr M. C. Mays (treasurer); Mr D. McGeachie (*political affairs and information*); and Mr J. J. Weidner (employee relations).

Mr John Hyde, managing director and chief executive of Chemical Bank International, has been named a senior vice-president of Chemical Bank.

Mr Robert R. Tarrar, vice-president, is to become head of the Africa Group in the Middle East/Africa Division of Bankers Trust Company and will be based in New York. He was previously *assistant director in charge of* loan syndication at Bankers Trust International. Mr Emmanuel J. Olympitis will become syndication manager at Bankers Trust International and has been named a vice-president of Bankers Trus Company.

Professor Samuel Eilon, head o the Department of Managemen Science at Imperial College, London, has been appointed a non executive director of Campari.

Mr M. Atkins, secretary an financial controller of Carlson Ford, has become a director.

Mr Don Perry, chairman o UML and of the Unilever Merseyside Committee, *is now a membe* of the North West Industri Development Board.

Mr Gerald French is to becom director of the Clothing Manufacturers' Federation, the Shir Collar & Tie Manufacturers' Federation, the Tie Manufacturers' Association and the Corsetry Manufacturers' Association. He succeeds Mr M. K. Reid, wh retires on March 31.

Mr Frank Walters becomes managing director for General Automation.

Five new members have joined the Yorkshire and Humberside *Economic Planning Council*. They are: Mr H. Best, Mr F. N. Booth, Mr J. E. Brownbridge, Mr A. D. Pollard and Canon George Tetley.

Mr J. E. Garner has joined the board of Gartons.

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MARKET REPORTS

PPER: Cash wire bars and three nths both dropped £5.50.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £635.50-36.00 metric ton; three months, £648.50-.00. Sales, 9,600 tons. Cash hodes, £621.50-25.50; three months, 37.50-38.50. Sales, 100 tons. rning.—Cash wire bars £633.50-.00; three months, £648-48.50. ttlement, £636. Sales, 8,300 tons. sh cathodes, £621.50-25.50; three nths, £637.38. Settlement, £625.50. es, 75 tons.

VER was steady.—Bullion market ing levels).—Spot, 259.5p per troy (United States cents equivalent,); three months, 265.4p (523.8c); six months, 268p (523.8c); year, 277.6p (543.5c). London al Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, .7-57.9p; three months, 261.7-.9p. Sales, 41 lots of 10,000 troy ces each. Morning.—Cash, 259.1-.1p; three months, 263-63.1p. Settlement, 254.4p. Sales, 11 lots.

ular cash, £6,065-70 a metric ton; e months, £6,025-03. Sales, 325 High grade, cash £6,065-70; e months, £6,045-55. Sales, 10 Morning.—Standard cash, 050-60; three months, £6,025-35. lement, £6,060. Sales, 860 tons. grade, cash £6,055-60; three ths, £6,055-15. Settlement, 60. Sales, 15 tons. Singapore tin rks, SM1,660 a picul.

D.—Cash fell £9.25 and three ths dropped £8.75.—Afternoon.—£311-12 per metric ton; three ths, £316.50-17.50. Sales, 2,250 Morning.—Cash, £311-12; three ths, £317-18. Settlement, £312. 5,300 tons.

—Cash fell £12.125 and three hs was £11.375 lower. Afternoon.—Cash, £241.25-41.75 a metric three months, £246-46.50. Sales, tons. Morning.—Cash, £238.50-; three months £245.50-41.00. Settlement, £239. 2,950 tons. All afternoon prices unofficial.

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kilo).—Feb, 47.50-48.00; March, 46.55-46.70; April-June, 47.20-47.70; July-Sept, [illegible]; Oct-Dec, 50.90-50.05; Jan-March, 52.50-52.55; April-June, [illegible]; July-Sept, 55.30-55.55; Oct-Dec, 56.[illegible]. Sales: 9 lots at 5 tonnes; 497 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were steadier. Spot, 45.75-47.00. Cifs, Feb, 4[illegible]; March, 47.25-47.[illegible].

COFFEE: Robustas were easier, arabicas were quiet.—

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric tonne): Jan, 1,548-1,550; March, 1,745-1,747; May, 1,637-1,639; July, 1,581-1,585; Sept, 1,530-1,535; Nov, 1,510-1,515; Jan, 1,475-1,500. Sales: 4,264 lots.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): April, 209.05-09.50; June, [illegible]; Aug, 185.75-87.00; Oct, 176.75-79.00; Dec, 164-71; Feb, 154-63. Sales: 60 lots.

PALM OIL was quiet.—Jan, unquoted; Feb and March, 270-80; April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, £250-70.

COCOA was steadier.—March, £1,[illegible] per metric ton; May, £1,[illegible]; July, £1,365-67; Sept, £1,350-55; Dec, £1,327-30; March, £1,[illegible]; May, £1,[illegible]. Sales, 6,[illegible] lots including 41 options. ICCO prices: daily, 130.69c; 15-day average, 137.50c; 22-day average, 139.18c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were quiet. The London daily price of "raws" was £2 higher at £114; the "whites" price was £2 higher at £116.—March, £120.20-20.25 per metric ton; May, £124.[illegible]; Aug, £127.[illegible]; Oct, £130.30-30.50; Dec, £132.[illegible]; March, £136.[illegible]; May, £139.10-39.25. Sales, 1,[illegible] lots. ISA prices: 8.90c; 15-day average 8.71c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet.—Feb, £100.70-11.00 per metric ton; April, £105.50-05.80; June, £106.[illegible]; Aug, £106.50-07.[illegible]; Oct, £106.[illegible]; Dec, £106.[illegible]; Feb, £105.[illegible]. Sales, 111 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—March, [illegible]; May, 232-35; July, [illegible]; Oct, 235-38; Dec, 235-38; March, [illegible]; May, 237-42; July, 237-42. Sales: 5 lots.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white 'C' grade, afloat $490 per long ton. 'D' grade, afloat $470. Calcutta was unavailable due to a strike.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT:** Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Jan, £84.25; Feb and March, £84, Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Jan, £81.[illegible]; Feb, £81.50; March, £81.50 transhipment east coast.

MAIZE: No 3 yellow American/French: Jan, £[illegible]; Feb, £98.50; March, £100 transhipment east coast.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin BARLEY: Old crop barely steady; new crop steadier: March, £75.05; May, £75.50; Nov, £82. Sales, 217 lots. WHEAT was steady: March, £81.15; May, £85.05; Sept, £83.85; Nov, £86.05. Sales, 112 lots.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority: Location ex-farm spot prices:

	Other Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Humberside	—	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gloucs	—	£74.50	£70.10

Meat Commission: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 24.—GB: Cattle, 61.[illegible]p per kglw (+[illegible]). UK: Sheep 13[illegible]p per kgestdcw (+2.7). GB: Pigs [illegible]p per kglw (+1.1). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 5.8 per cent, average price 61.59p (+2.05). Sheep numbers down 14.7 per cent, average price 13[illegible]p (+2.[illegible]). Pig numbers down 0.5 per cent, average price 58.[illegible]p (+1.1). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 4.6 per cent, average price 61.18p (+1.84). Sheep numbers down 20.[illegible] per cent, average price 123.50 (+3.2). Pig numbers up 8.[illegible] per cent, average price 60.0p (+0.6).

EGGS (The London Egg Exchange).—In home-produced all sizes showing a better interest with available stocks clearing. In imported no arrivals have been reported.

Home-produced market prices (in £ per 120, based on trading packer/first-hand):

	Wed Thur Fri	Mon Tues
White		
1s	4.30 to 4.40	4.30 to 4.40
2s	4.10 to 4.30	4.30 to 4.40
3s	3.90 to 4.00	3.90 to 4.00
4s	3.80 to 4.10	3.90 to 4.40
5s	3.70 to 3.80	3.50 to 3.80
6s	2.50 to 2.90	2.50 to 2.90
7s	1.90 to 2.10	1.90 to 2.10
Brown		
1s	4.70 to 5.20	4.70 to 5.20
2s	4.50 to 4.90	4.50 to 4.90
3s	4.10 to 4.50	4.10 to 4.50
4s	[illegible]	[illegible]

All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

TEA.—Competition was good for the 40,808 packages offered at the weekly auction, but prices moved irregularly. The better Assam clefts sold at lower levels with declining quality, but mediums and plain remained fully firm. Dooars and Bangladesh teas showed an easier tendency. However dusts were a strong feature throughout. Brighter African teas realized firm to dearer rates with dusts in particular demand. Malawi and Mozambique fannings were often up to 5p per kilo dearer except for the plainest sorts. For Sri Lanka there was stronger and more general demand. Prices for all descriptions advanced 10p to 20p per kilo, with a strong emphasis on better quality and dust grades. The market for south Indian teas was irregular but good quality descriptions sold well. The highest price was 200p for a box from Sri Lanka.

reign change

though off the bottom, the r lost more ground yesterday, still reflecting doubts about effectiveness of President r's Budget package in re- g confidence in the United s currency.

pound remained very firm reached $1.9485 at one stage e closing half-a-cent up at 70. The effective index held 3 throughout.

lling lowered the dollar essively early on, but a er tone developed later, and d by central banks' support, lling the Swiss and to a extent, the Fed, a modest got under way, though this not sustained.

marks closed at 2.1090 (over- 2.1120), Swiss francs 1.9725 0) - the guilder, 2.2550 0), and French franc 4.7125 5). The Yen hardly moved y and closed at 241.60 (pre- y 241.50).

l gained $0.75 to close in n at $176.375.

t Position terling

	Market rates (day's range) January 24	Market rates (close) January 24
rk	$1.9420-9495	$1.9465-9475
al	$2.1420-1505	$2.1470-1480
dam	4.38-40½fl	4.39½-39¾fl
s	63.45-75f	63.50-60f
agen	11.12-17k	11.15-16¼k
rt	4.09-12m	4.10½-11½m
	77.60-78.30e	77.75-78.00e
	156.10-70p	156.50-60p
	1688-93lr	1689½-90½lr
	9.97-10.01k	9.99¾-10.00¾k
	9.15½-19f	9.17-18f
lm	9.02½-07½k	9.05¾-06¾k
	465-75y	470-72y
	29.35-55sch	29.43-53sch
	3.85-86½f	2.83½-84½f

e exchange rate compared to December p 0.1 at 66.2.

ward Levels

	1 month	3 months
	.03-.13c disc	.30-.40c disc
am	.02-.12c disc	.22-.32c disc
	1c prem-par	2½-1½c prem
	3-13c disc	15-25c disc
agen	10½-12½ore disc	29-31ore disc
	1½-½pf prem	3½-2½pf prem
	90-190c disc	420-720c disc
	110-190c disc	420-520c disc
	11-19lr disc	39-48lr disc
	6½-8½ore disc	21½-23½ore disc
	4-5c disc	14½-15½c disc
	2½-6½ore disc	9-11ore disc
	par-10gro disc	10-30gro disc
	2½-1½c prem	5½-4½c prem

n dollar rate (against US dollar),

lar deposits (%) calls, 6½-7; seven 7½; one month, 7-7½; three months, months, 7½-7¾.

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ed: am, $177.1 (pm ounce): pm, $76.45. and (per coin): non-resident, $181½- e-94¼; resident, $183-185 ($84-85). ns (new): non-resident, $55.57 ($28½- nt, $54½-56¼ ($28-29).

ank Base Rates

Bank	6½%
ys Bank	6½%
lidated Crdts	7½%
London Secs	6½%
are & Co	*6½%
s Bank	6½%
n Mercantile	6½%
rd Bank	6½%
estminster ..	6½%
inster Acc's	6½%
y Trust	9½%
....	6½%
us and Glyn's	6½%

* deposits on sums of 00 and under 3%, up 25,000 3¾%, over 0 4¼%.

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Wall Street

New York, Jan 24.—The New York stock market closed mixed with bargain hunting propping up some blue chip issues.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed ahead 0.87 point to 771.57. Some 680 issues declined with about 650 higher.

Volume totalled 18,690,000 shares.

The market moved in a narrow range throughout the session with brokers reporting that a few investors were picking up some depressed issues.

In the day's economic news, new factor orders for durable goods last month rose at an adjusted 5.5 per cent rate after a 0.8 per cent decline in November.

Key ordering for non-defense capital goods climbed an adjusted 9.8 per cent compared with a 3.8 per cent decline in the previous month.

Coffee dips 4c limit

New York, Jan 24.—**COFFEE** prices in "C" contract closed the session locked down the four cent limit. After rallying slightly off the lows on a reassessment of the price cut by Brazil, prices fell back on the failure of roasters to aggressively follow the market up and some nervousness regarding the sales policy of Latin American origins. March, 190.50-1.50c; May, 174.98-5.00c; July, 165.10c; Sept, 158.00c asked; Dec, 145.25c asked; March, 139.13c asked; May, unquoted.

COCOA futures closed 1.60 to 0.35 cent higher. March, 135.65c; May, 126.50c; July, 122.25c; Sept, 119.95c; Dec, 116.80c; March, 114.80c; May, 115.50c.

COTTON.—Futures were: March, 56.25-30c; May, 57.25-50c; July, 58.50-53c; Oct, 58.85c; Dec, 59.20c; March, 60.00-20c; May, 60.40-1.80c; July, 60.60-1.20c.

SUGAR.—Futures in No 11 contract were: March, 9.60-51c; May, 9.84c; July, 9.99-10.00c; Sept, 10.15c; Oct, 10.25-27c; Jan, 10.40c nominal; March, 10.77-0.80c; May, 10.95-0.98c.

SILVER.—Futures were: Jan, 500.80c; Feb, 501.60c; March, 504.80c; May, 512.10c; July, 519.40c; Sept, 526.70c; Dec, 537.90c; Jan, 541.60c; March, 549.10c; May, 556.70c; July, 564.30c; Sept, 571.90c. Handy and Harman of Canada, Can $5.512 (previous Can $5.503).

GOLD.—On the Comex prices were off 10 cents to 40 cents higher. Prices on the IMM were off 20 cents to 60 cents. NY COMEX: Jan, $176.50; Feb, $176.70; March, $178.00; April, $179.30; June, $182.00; Aug, $184.70; Oct, $187.40; Dec, $190.20; Feb, $193.00; April, $196.00; June, $199.00; Aug, $202.00; Oct, $205.00. CHICAGO IMM: March, $178.00-177.70; June, $181.80-181.90; Sept, 186.10 asked-186.00; Dec, $190.50-190.40 asked; March, $194.90; June, $198.90; Sept, $203.90.

COPPER.—Futures closed steady, down 100 points. Jan, 57.50c; Feb, 57.70c; March, 58.10c; May, 59.10c; July, 60.10c; Sept, 61.10c; Dec, 62.60c; Jan, 63.00c; March, 63.90c; May, 64.80c; July, 65.70c; Sept, 66.60c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Meal prices fell $0.50 to $1.60 a ton while Oil prices dropped 0.04 to 0.20 cent a lb. SOYABEANS. March, 570-60c; May, 577½-78c; July, 583-83½c; Aug, 584c; Sept, 571c; Nov, 558½-60½c; Jan, 575-75½c. SOYABEAN OIL. March, 20.46-50c; May, 20.48-50c; July, 20.50-45c; Aug, 20.40c; Sept, 19.00-20.00c; Oct, 19.40c; Dec, 19.40-35c; Jan, 19.30c. SOYABEAN MEAL. March, $152.50-2.30; May, $155.50-5.70; July, $158.20-8.50; Aug, $158.50-8.70; Sept, $159.00; Oct, $157.00-7.10; Dec, $158.50.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT.—March, 273¾-¼c; May, 280c; July, 285½-¼c; Sept, 291¼c; Dec, 300½c; March, 310½c. CORN.—March, 225-25¼c; May, 230-30¼c; July, 231¾-32c; Sept, 230½-¼c; Dec, 230¼c; March, 237¾c. OATS.—March, 134c; May, 136c; July, 136½c asked; Sept, 139¾c asked; Dec, 143c bid.

	Jan 24	Jan 21
Allied Chem	37½	36¾
Allied Stores	19½	19⅝
Allied Supermkt	2¼	2¼
Allis Chalmers	22¾	22¾
Alcoa	40½	40⅝
Amax Inc	35	35
Amerada Hess	25	25
Am Airlines	11	10⅞
Am Brands	39⅝	39⅝
Am Broadcast	34½	35⅛
Am Can	34½	36⅛
Am Cyanamid	24	24
Am Elec Power	22⅝	22⅝
Am Home	27¾	27¾
Am Motors	3⅝	3⅝
Am Nat Res	41⅞	42⅝
Am Standard	32⅝	33
Am Telephone	57⅞	58⅛
AMF Inc	17¼	17
Armco Steel	27½	27¾
Asarco	15	14⅞
Ashland Oil	29⅛	29⅛
Atlantic Richfield	44½	45
Avco	16⅞	16¼
Avon Products	45⅝	45⅞
Babcock & Wcox	57¾	57⅝
Bankers Tst NY	35⅛	35⅛
Bank of America	21⅝	21⅝
Bank of NY	31¼	31½
Beatrice Foods	22¼	22½
Bell & Howell	15⅝	15
Bendix	34⅝	35⅛
Bethlehem Steel	22⅜	22
Boeing	25⅝	25½
Boise Cascade	22⅞	23¼
Borden	29⅞	29⅛
Borg Warner	26½	26⅛
Bristol Myers	32⅝	32½
BP	15½	15⅛
Budd	31⅛	31⅝
Burlington Ind	20⅝	20⅛
Burlington Nthn	39⅛	37⅞
Burroughs	64⅝	63⅞
Campbell Soup	32⅜	32
Canadian Pacific	15¼	15⅛
Caterpillar	50⅛	50⅝
Celanese	39½	39⅝
Central Soya	13⅝	13½
Charter NY	27⅞	27¼
Chase Manhat	28¾	29¼
Chem Bank NY	38⅞	38⅞
Chesapeake Ohio	34½	34
Chrysler	13	13
Citicorp	20⅞	20⅛
Cities Service	49½	49½
Clark Equip	30⅛	31⅝
Coca Cola	35½	36
Colgate	20⅝	20⅝
CBS	47⅞	46¼
Columbia Gas	28¼	28 ●
Combustion Eng	34⅛	35
Comwlth Edison	27⅞	27⅞
Cons Edison	24	25
Cons Foods	22½	23½
Cons Power	22⅝	22½
Continental Grp	31⅛	31⅛
Continental Oil	29½	29⅛
Control Data	25½	25½
Corning Glass	46	47¼
CPC Intnl	43⅞	43⅝
Crane	25½	26
Crocker Int	24¼	24½
Crown Zeller	31⅝	31⅝
Dart Ind	34½	34⅝
Deere	23⅝	23⅝
Del Monte	23⅝	23¾
Delta Air	38⅛	38⅛
Detroit Edison	16¼	16¼
Disney	34⅝	34⅝
Dow Chemical	25⅝	25⅛
Dresser Ind	39½	39⅝
Duke Power	20⅝	20⅛
Du Pont	107¼	107⅝
Eastern Air	7¼	7
Eastman Kodak	46⅞	46⅝
Eaton Corp	33⅞	34½
El Paso Nat Gas	15⅞	15⅞
Equitable Life	24	24⅛
Esmark	27⅝	27
Evans P. D.	14⅞	14¼
Exxon Corp	43½	43⅝
Fed Dept Stores	37	36⅞
Firestone	15⅜	15
Fst Chicago	17⅞	17⅝
Fst Nat Boston	25⅝	25½

	Jan 24	Jan 21
Fst Penn Corp	15⅛	16⅛
Ford	40½	40⅝
GAF Corp	11⅛	11⅛
Gamble Skogmo	27¼	27¼
Gen Dynamics	42⅝	42½
Gen Electric	45⅛	45⅛
Gen Foods	29⅞	30⅛
Gen Mills	27⅛	27⅛
Gen Motors	58	58⅛
Gen Pub Util NY	19⅛	19½
Gen Tel Elec	28⅜	28⅝
Gen Tire	25⅛	24⅛
Genesco	5⅛	5
Georgia Pacific	24⅛	24⅝
Getty Oil	158	160
Gillette	24⅛	24⅝
Goodrich	19⅛	19⅛
Goodyear	17	16⅞
Gould Inc	28⅛	28⅛
Grace	25½	25⅛
Gt Atlic & Pacific	7⅝	7⅝e
Greyhound	11	12⅞
Grumman Corp	16⅞	16⅝
Gulf Oil	24⅞	24⅛
Gulf & West	11⅛	11
Heinz H. J.	35⅞	35⅛
Hercules	14⅛	14⅝
Honeywell	43⅛	43½
IC Inds	24⅛	24
Ingersoll	53⅝	53½
Inland Steel	36⅛	37⅝
IBM	266¼	265½
Int Harvester	29	29
INCO	15⅛	15½
Int Paper	40⅝	41
Int Tel Tel	30	30⅛
Jewel Co	18½	18⅝
Jim Walter	28⅝	29⅛
Johns-Manville	29	29⅛
Johnson & John	70⅛	70
Kaiser Alumin	29⅛	29
Kennecott	22⅝	22⅞
Kerr McGee	44⅛	46
Kimberly Clark	42⅝	41⅝
Kraftco Corp	43⅝	43⅛
K Mart	25½	25⅞
Kroger	26⅝	26⅝
Liggett Group	28⅞	28⅝
L.T.V. Corp	6	6⅛
Litton	14⅛	14⅛
Lockheed	13⅞	13⅞
Lucky Stores	13	13
Manuf Hanover	32⅛	32
Mapco	36	35½
Marathon Oil	44½	43⅝
Marine Midland	13⅛	13⅛
Martin Marietta	23½	24
McDonnell	24⅛	24⅛
Mead	20⅛	20⅛
Merck	55⅝	55½
Minnesota Mng	46⅝	46⅝
Mobil Oil	59⅞	60⅛
Monsanto	51½	51⅝
Morgan J. P.	42⅝	42½
Motorola	36⅛	35⅝
NCR Corp	40⅛	39⅝
NL Industries	16⅛	17
Nabisco	47⅝	47⅝
Nat Distillers	20⅝	20½
Nat Steel	32¼	31⅞
Norfolk West	27	27⅝
NW Bancorp	22	22
Norton Simon	19½	18⅞
Occidental Pet	20⅞	20⅞
Ogden	23	23⅛
Olin Corp	16¼	16⅛
Owens-Illinois	22	22
Pacific Gas Elec	23⅞	23⅞
Pan Am	5	5
Penney J. C.	34	34
Pennzoil	29	28⅝
Pepsico	26⅞	26
Pet Inc	33	32½
Pfizer	27½	27⅝
Phelps Dodge	20	20
Philip Morris	57	58½
Phillips Petrol	27⅛	27⅛
Polaroid	21	24½
PPG Ind	26	26⅛
Procter Gamble	81⅞	82⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	22⅞	22½
Pullman	25¼	26
Rapid American	5⅞	5⅞
Raytheon	30⅛	29⅝
RCA Corp	24⅞	25

	Jan 24	Jan 21
Republic Steel	22⅝	24⅛
Reynolds Ind	54⅝	54⅝
Reynolds Metal	21⅛	20⅝
Rockwell Int	29½	29⅛
Royal Dutch	56¼	56⅛
Safeways	38	37⅝
St Regis Paper	30⅛	31
Santa Fe Ind	35¼	35⅝
SCM	17	17⅛
Schlumberger	67½	67⅝
Scott Paper	13⅝	13¼
Seaboard Coast	32	33½
Seagram	20½	20½
Sears Roebuck	25⅞	25⅝
Shell Oil	25⅛	27
Shell Trans	30⅝	31½
Signal Co	25½	25⅛
Singer	19⅝	19½
Sony	7⅛	7⅛
Sth Cal Edison	25⅛	25⅝
Southern Pacific	33⅞	32⅝
Southern Rly	40⅝	40⅛
Sperry Rand	34⅛	34½
Squibb	23⅝	23⅝
Std Brands	25⅛	25⅛
Std Oil Califnia	37⅛	37½
Std Oil Indiana	44⅞	44⅝
Std Oil Ohio	63⅝	61
Sterling Drug	13⅝	13⅞
Stevens J. P.	14⅛	15⅛
Stude Worth	45⅛	46⅛
Sunbeam Corp	20⅛	20⅛
Sun Comp	39	39⅛
Sundstrand	22½	22½
Teledyne	65½	63
Tenneco	29¼	29⅞
Texaco	26	26⅛
Texas East Trans	38½	39½
Texas Inst	71	70⅝
Texas Utilities	19⅝	19⅛
Textron	24⅝	24⅞
TWA	11⅛	11½
Travelers Corp	27⅛	27⅛
TRW Inc	28⅞	28⅛
UAL Inc	21	21
Unilever Ltd	42⅝	42½
Unilever NV	53⅝	54
Union Bancorp	13⅛	13⅛
Union Carbide	39½	39⅝
Union Oil Calif	46	46⅝
Un Pacific Corp	45⅞	46½
Uniroyal	7⅛	7⅛
United Brands	7⅛	7½
US Industries	7⅛	7⅛
US Steel	31⅞	31
Utd Technol	32⅝	32½
Wachovia	16⅞	16⅝
Warner Comm	30	30
Warner Lambert	25½	26½
Wells Fargo	24½	24⅝
West'n Bancorp	30	30⅛
Westinghse Elec	17½	17½
Weyerhauser	24⅛	24½e
Whirlpool	20⅝	20⅛
White Motor	7	6⅝
Woolworth	18⅛	18⅛
Xerox Corp	44⅛	44
Zenith	13⅞	13½

Canadian Prices

	Jan 24	Jan 21
Abitibi	10½	10⅛
Alcan Alumin	27⅛	27⅛
Algoma Steel	14⅛	14⅝
Bell Telephone	53	52⅞
Comince	26⅛	27
Cons Bathurst	22⅛	22
Falconbridge	17⅛	17½
Gulf Oil	28½	29⅛
Hawker Sid Can	5.87	5.87
Hudson Bay Min	16⅞	16⅛
Hudson Bay Oil	42½	43⅛
Imasco	27½	27⅛b
Imperial Oil	19⅜	19½
Int Pipe	13⅝	13⅝
Mass-Fergsn	13⅛	13⅛
Royal Trust	16⅛	16
Seagram	22⅞	22½
Steel Co	22⅞	23⅛
Talcorp	8⅛	8⅛b
Thomson N 'A'	11⅞	12
Walker Hiram	28⅝	28⅞
WCT	32⅛	32⅞

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9485 (1.9455); three months, 1.9521 (1.9396); Canadian dollar, 90.51 (90.61).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 348.19. The futures index was 335.17.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 771.57 (770.70); transportation, 210.26 (210.51); utilities, 105.75 (106.26); 65 stocks, 270.75 (270.91).

New York Stock Exchange index, 49.40 (49.38); industrials, 52.93 (52.91); transportation, 39.23 (39.22); utilities, 38.56 (38.59); financial, 50.46 (50.41).

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Cardiff City 11% Pd 1986 (£100)	£101
Exchequer 10½% 1995 (£98)	£29½
Farmer S.W. 25p Ord (104)	124
Grampian Ben Cnel 10¼% 1985 (£99)	101
Holden (Arthur) 25p Ord (53)	60
Mid Kent Wtr 7% 1982 (£)	£101½
Sykes (Henry) 25p Ord	104
Treasury 10½% 1999 (£95b)	£54⅛

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Arlington Mtr (95*)	Feb 24	25 prem
Com Bnk Aust ($A1.75*)	Mar 10	42 prem
LRC Intl (10*)	..	29 prem
Muirhead (158*)	Mar 13	26 prem-2
Nat Bnk of Aust ($A1.75)	Mar 3	51 prem+2
Neill J. (84*)	..	8 prem-1
Preedy A. (58*)	Mar 3	27 prem-4

Issue price in parentheses; * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £3 paid. h £55 paid. i £45 paid. j £60 paid.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
US STRAIGHTS ($)		
Australia 7½ 1984	94½	95½
Australia 8½ 1992	95	95⅝
Aust Mining 9½ 1992	98⅛	99
Avco 9¼ 1983	100	100½
Barclays 8½ 1992	96½	97½
Bowater 9½ 1992	103	104½
British Gas 9 1981	101½	102½
Citicorp 6¼ 1980	96½	97½
Citicorp 7 1981	96½	97½
CECA 8½ 1989	96¼	97
CECA 8½ 1997	96¼	97
DSM 8½ 1987	96⅛	97
Elf Aquitaine 8½ 1985	96	96¾
EIB 8½ 1987	97¼	98
EEC 7½ 1984	95½	96¼
Fisons 8½ 1992	93½	95
Gotaverken 7½ 1982	98	98½
Gotaverken 8½ 1987	94½	95½
Hydro Quebec 9 1992	96½	96¼
ICI 8½ 1987	96½	97¼
IU Overseas 8½ 1987	96½	97
Light Services 9 1982	97½	98¼
MacMillan Bloed 9 1992	97	97½
Midland Int 8½ 1992	96½	97½
NCB 8 1987	93½	97½
Nat West 9 1986	102½	103¼
New Zealand DFC 7¾ 1984	95¾	96½
Nippon Fudosan 8 1981	98½	99½
Occidental 8½ 1987	97½	98½
Occidental 9½ 1981	102½	103
Offshore Mining 8¼ 1985	97	97½
Quebec 9 1985	96½	96½
Rank Hovis 9 1992	94½	95
R. J. Reynolds 7½ 1982	96½	99
Sandvik 9½ 1986	99½	100½
Statsforetag 7½ 1982	95½	96½
Sundstrand 8½ 1987	98½	99¼
Sweden 7½ 1982	97½	98½
Sweden 8½ 1987	95½	96¼
Tauernautobahn 8½ 1987	96¼	97
Walter Kidde 8½ 1985	97	97½
FLOATING RATE NOTES		
Andelsbanken 7½ 1984	96	96½
CCF 6½ 1985	99¼	99½
IBJ 7 1982	99½	99½
LTCB 6¼ 1982	99½	99⅞
OKB 6¼ 1983	99½	99⅞
Soc Gen 79.16 1984	97⅛	98⅛
CANADIAN DOLLARS		
Avco 9¾ 1982	98⅛	99⅛
BM-RT 9½ 1982	97⅛	98⅛
Ford 8½ 1984	98	98⅛
British Columbia MFA 9 1997	98⅛	99⅛
Rank 9½ 1982	99⅛	100½
Walter Heller 9½ 1984	99	99⅝
DEUTSCHE MARKS		
CFP 6½ 1.7.84	103	103⅛
ICI 6¾ 1.5.87	105	105⅛
New Zealand 6¼ 1.5.84	105¼	106
Phyrn 6¼ 1.9.89	101⅛	102⅛
Quebec Hydro 6¼ 16.8.87	100⅛	101¼
US $ CONVERTIBLES		
American Express 4¼ 1987	78	80
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	93	95
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	106	108
Beecham 6½ 1992	99	100
Borden 6¾ 1991	106	108
Carnation 4 1988	76	78
Chevron 5 1988	111	113
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	81	83
Fairchild Camera 5½ 1991	78½	80½
Ford 5 1988	79½	81½
Ford 6 1986	90½	92½
General Electric 4¼ 1987	80	82
Gillette 4¾ 1987	75½	77½
Gould 5 1987	111½	113½
Gulf & Western 5 1988	76	78
Honeywell 6 1986	84	86
ICI 6¾ 1987	85½	87½
INA 6 1997	93	95
Inchcape 6¾ 1992	109	110
ITT 4½ 1987	74½	76½
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	151½	153½
Mitsui Real Estate 6 1992	117	118
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	94	96
Nabisco 5½ 1988	98½	100½
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	73½	75½
Revlon 4¾ 1987	107	109
Reynolds Metals 5 1988	82	84
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	79½	81½
Squibb 4½ 1987	77	79
Sumitomo Electric 6 1992	124½	126
Texaco 4½ 1988	76½	78½
Union Bank of Switz 4½ 1987	131	133
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	77½	79½
Xerox Corp 5 1988	75½	77½

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

Discount market

Tax payments created very tight money conditions on Lombard Street yesterday. The Bank of England gave help on an extremely large scale, but this still was not quite enough to meet the market's requirements. Secured loans closed a 6½-1 per cent, the level ruling throughout, but interbank money commanded as much as 20 per cent in the late search for balances.

The assistance was channelled via moderate purchases of Treasury bills and small purchases of local authority bills directly from the houses, plus a moderate sum lent overnight to nine or 10 houses at 6½ per cent MLR.

Banks' balances were a little way above target overnight, and maturing Treasury bills were also in the market's favour.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½%
(Last changed 6.1.78)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 6½%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 6½ Low 6¼
Week Fixed: 6½-6¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	5¾	2 months	5⅝
3 months	5¾	3 months	5⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	6⅛-5⅞	3 months	6½
3 months	5⅞-5¾	4 months	6½
4 months	6-5¾	6 months	6½
6 months	6⅛-5⅞		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6½-6¼	7 months	6⅞-6¾
2 months	6½-6¼	8 months	6⅞-6¾
3 months	6½-6¼	9 months	6⅞-6¾
4 months	6⅞-6¾	10 months	6⅞-6⅞
5 months	6⅞-6¾	11 months	6⅞-6⅞
6 months	6⅞-6⅝	12 months	7-6⅞

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	6⅛-6½	6 months	6⅛-6⅞
3 months	6⅞-6¾	12 months	6⅞-6⅞

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	6¾	3 months	6¾
7 days	6¼	6 months	6¾
1 month	6⅝	1 year	7

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 6½		Close 6½	
1 week	6½-6¼	6 months	6⅞-6⅞
1 month	6⅞-6⅞	9 months	6⅞-6⅞
3 months	6⅞-6⅞	12 months	7⅛-6⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 6¾ 6 months 7

Finance House Base Rate 6½%

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The Over-the-Counter Market

Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
Airsprung Ord	41	—	4.2	10.3	7.6
Airsprung 18½% CULS	140	—	18.4	13.2	—
Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.3	9.2	15.3
Bardon Hill	142	—	12.0	8.5	9.8
Deborah Ord	100	—	5.1	5.1	8.1
Deborah 17½% CULS	211	—	17.5	8.0	—
Frederick Parker	133	—	11.5	8.3	6.7
Jackson Group	48	—	5.0	10.4	5.6
James Burrough	110	—	6.0	5.5	10.1
Robert Jenkins	320	—	27.0	8.4	5.4
Twinlock Ord	16	—	—	—	—
Twinlock 12% ULS	78	—	12.0	15.4	—
Unilock Holdings	74	—	7.0	9.5	9.2
Walter Alexander	85	—	6.4	7.5	6.3

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of 1,328,600 ordinary shares of 10p each

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Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Stock Exchange Prices

Equities drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Jan 16. Dealings End, Jan 27. § Contango Day, Jan 30. Settlement Day, Feb 7

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

BRITISH FUNDS

1977/78 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101¹¹⁄₁₆	97¼	Treas	9%	1978	100⅝	-1/16	8.960	5.649
104¾	97⅝	Treas	10½%	1978	102⅝	-1/16	10.250	5.184
100¼	90²⁷⁄₃₂	Exch	5%	1976-78	99⅞	..	5.022	5.683
107	95½	Treas	11½%	1979	104¹¹⁄₁₆	-1/16	10.988	7.082
97¼	84¹³⁄₁₆	Treas	3%	1979	95¼	..	3.146	5.998
98¾	85¼	Elec	4¼%	1974-79	96¼	..	4.416	6.661
106⁹⁄₁₆	92⁷⁄₃₂	Treas	10½%	1979	103⁹⁄₁₆	-1/16	10.102	8.047
97½	84¾	Elec	3½%	1976-79	95¼	-⅛	3.673	6.324
104¾	87¹³⁄₁₆	Treas Cnv	9%	1980	101⅝	-1/16	9.956	8.153
105¼	88¾	Treas	9½%	1980	102¹⁄₁₆	-1/16	9.309	8.499
96	83¼	Treas	3½%	1977-80	94	-⅛	3.722	6.250
98¼	83¾	Fund	5¼%	1978-80	95	-⅛	5.529	7.562
112	96⅝	Exch	13%	1980	108⅝	-1/16	11.968	9.441
108	92¼	Treas	11½%	1981	105	-1/16	10.950	9.525
94¼	77	Treas	3½%	1979-81	91¼	●-1/16	3.945	6.789
104	86	Treas	9¾%	1981	100	-⅛	9.707	9.382
97	80⅝	Exch	8¼%	1981	96	-⅛	8.556	9.506
101	97½	Exch	9½%	1981	98	●-⅛	9.530	9.620
92¼	77	Exch	3%	1981	87	●-1/16	3.421	6.963
113	99⅝	Exch	12¾%	1981	109	-1/16	11.679	9.801
100⅛	85¼	Treas	8½%	1980-82	97½	-⅛	8.722	9.362
93¼	73½	Treas	3%	1982	85½	● ..	3.511	7.206
119	101¼	Treas	14%	1982	113¾	-1/16	12.323	9.909
99⅛	83¾	Treas	8¼%	1982	95	-1/16	8.657	9.577
103¼	93¼	Exch	9¼%	1982	99¾	-1/16	9.403	9.665
87¼	51¼	Exch	3%	1983	81¾	●-⅛	3.661	7.324
114¼	93¼	Treas	12%	1983	113¾	-⅛	11.013	9.751
101¾	99½	Treas	9½%	1983	97⅛	-⅛	9.470	9.816
93	77¼	Fund	5½%	1982-84	87¼	-⅛	6.268	8.137
99¼	77¾	Treas	9¼%	1984-86	95¼	-⅛	8.948	9.373
87¾	67	Fund	6½%	1985-87	85½	-⅛	7.708	9.031
92⅞	68¼	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	87¾	●-⅛	8.930	9.692
73½	49¼	Trans	3%	1978-88	66¾	-⅛	4.507	7.732
75¼	54¼	Treas	5%	1986-89	73¼	-⅛	6.948	8.901
121½	90¼	Treas	13%	1990	112⅝	-½	11.553	11.092
93½	67¾	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	87¾	-⅛	9.508	10.145
111	90¼	Treas	11¾%	1991	104¼	-½	11.341	11.213
77¼	54	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	73⅛	-⅛	8.059	9.634
117	86¼	Treas	12¾%	1992	109⅜	-½	11.623	11.341
99¼	80¼	Treas	10%	1992	91¾	●-½	10.813	11.069
113	89¼	Exch	12¼%	1992	105¼	●-½	11.631	11.368
115½	84¼	Treas	12½%	1993	108¼	-½	11.581	11.397
72⅞	51⅞	Fund	6%	1993	70⅞	-⅛	8.767	10.039
129	96	Treas	13¾%	1993	117⅞	-½	11.904	11.582
125⅛	99	Treas	14½%	1994	119¾	●-½	11.989	11.566
114½	94¼	Exch	12½%	1994	108⅞	●-½	11.625	11.482
93¼	69½	Treas	9%	1994	88¾	-⅛	10.394	10.727
110¼	97⅞	Treas	12%	1995	104½	-½	11.489	11.399
51¾	32¼	Gas	3%	1990-95	50¼	-⅛	5.993	8.612
119¼	87¼	Treas	12¾%	1995	111¼	-½	11.676	11.616
91⅝	67	Treas	9%	1992-96	88⅞	-¼	10.517	10.833
137¼	101¼	Treas	15¼%	1996	129¾	-½	12.128	11.790
122½	89¼	Exch	13¼%	1996	115¾	-½	11.750	11.570
50	32	Rdmptn	3%	1986-96	48⅞	-⅛	6.261	8.683
121	87¼	Treas	13¼%	1997	112⅞	-½	11.749	11.574
95¼	90⅛	Exch	10½%	1997	93¾	●-½	11.108	11.204
95¼	65¼	Treas	8¾%	1997	92½	●-¼	10.503	10.816
72½	51	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	70¼	-⅛	9.832	10.520
135¼	103⅛	Treas	15½%	1998	133¼	-½	12.068	11.819
99¼	66¼	Treas	9½%	1999	89	-⅛	10.711	10.974
43¾	27¼	Fund	3½%	1999-04	41⅛	-⅛	8.494	9.709
81¼	57¼	Treas	8%	2002-06	79⅞	-⅛	10.468	10.646
59¼	40¼	Treas	5½%	2008-12	56¼	-⅛	10.156	10.418
80	53½	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	74¼	●-⅛	10.449	10.523
39½	26¼	Consols	4%		36⅞	●-⅛	11.053	..
37¼	25¼	War Ln	3½%		36½	-⅛	9.733	..
39¾	25⅞	Conv	3½%		38⅛	-⅛	9.397	..
29¼	20⅞	Treas	3%		27⅛	-⅛	11.237	..
24¼	17¼	Consols	2½%		23¼	-⅛	10.820	..
24	17¼	Treas	2½%	Aft 75	23¼	-⅛	11.189	..

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

1977/78 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
101½	91¼	Aust	5½%	76-78	101¼	..	5.317	6.945
96¼	79½	Aust	5½%	77-80	95¼	..	5.797	8.428
88½	69¼	Aust	5½%	81-82	88	-⅛	6.378	9.572
87¼	65¼	Aust	6%	81-83	85	-⅛	7.136	9.634
95	77¼	Aust	7%	79-81	95	..	7.394	9.610

TEA

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
140	22	Deundi	135	b ..	4.9	3.6	
250	123	Jokai	221	..	18.55	8.3	
245	120	McLeod Russel	243	+5	15.2	6.2	
410	124	Moran	405	..	5.4	1.3	
93	75	Surmah Valley	93	+1	10.0	10.8	
202	102	Warren Plant	202	..	20.0	9.9	

MISCELLANEOUS

1977/78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
10⅛	7⁹⁄₁₆	Algoma Cen Rly	£9¹³⁄₁₆	+¹⁄₁₆	26.0	2.7	15
71	40	Calcutta Elec	64	..	13.0	20.3	
52	42	E Surr Wtr 4.9%	£52	..	490	9.4	
39¾	31½	Essex Wtr 3.5%	39⅝	..	530	13.7	
64	37	Gt Nthn Tele	£52	+1	293	3.7	11
450	342	Imp Cont Gas	360	-5	34.2	3.9	14
38	32	Mid Kent Wtr	£37¼	..	500	13.2	
92	44	Milford Docks	91	..	4.3	5.2	8
230	140	Nigerian Elec	230	..	17.2	7.5	
39½	31½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£36⅝	..	535	14.8	

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 24.01.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1950):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	203.28	6.27	11.82	204.28
Largest Coys.	204.98	6.29	11.74	206.04
Smaller Coys.	197.72	6.94	13.75	198.62
Capital Goods	228.31	6.59	13.46	229.79
Consumer Goods	215.64	6.73	12.07	218.16
Store Shares	180.15	5.92	7.93	182.38
Largest financial shares	232.94	5.34	—	234.31
Largest financial and industrial shares	210.30	6.03	—	211.40
Commodity shares	207.29	6.76	11.95	207.12
Gold Mining shares	294.93	8.02	17.11	292.62
Industrial debenture stocks	95.56	6.19*	—	95.60
Industrial preference stocks	63.36	11.04*	—	63.23
3½% War Loan	36⅝	9.70*	—	36½

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	222.08 (14.09.77)	60.79 (13.12.74)
1978	209.75 (06.01.78)	199.49 (17.01.78)
1977	222.08 (14.09.77)	131.26 (12.01.77)
1976	171.55 (05.05.76)	115.93 (27.10.76)
1975	154.92 (19.12.75)	61.45 (06.01.75)
1974	136.12 (28.02.74)	60.79 (13.12.74)
1973	179.33 (12.07.73)	120.59 (14.12.73)

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Contractors interested in bidding for this project may obtain the "Pre-qualification Questionnaire" with the supporting information from the Directorate of the Royal Medical Services, Amman. This form should be completed and submitted in three (3) copies with any other relevant data addressed to:

The Chairman of the Prequalification and Tendering Committee (Queen Alia Heart Institute), Directorate, Royal Medical Services G.H.Q. Jordan Armed Forces Amman, Jordan

This submission should be received not later than 12.00 noon on Saturday, 18th February, 1978.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No 003229 of 1977
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of B AND I CONSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 5th day of December, 1977 presented to the said Court by B.O.C. International Limited whose registered office is situated at Hammersmith House, London, W6. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 6th day of February, 1978, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

STEVENSONS, Progress House, 10 Snow Hill, London, EC1.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named, notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 3rd day of February, 1978.

In the Matter of JACO EUROPAK Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 1st day of March, 1978, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK, FCA of 3/4 Bentinck Street, London W1A 3BA the LIQUIDATOR of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

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And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at Royal Courts of Justice Strand, London, W.C.2, on Monday the 6th day of February 1978; and any creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or oppose the making of an order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Signed: RICHARDS BUTLER & CO., 5/17 Clifton Street, London, EC2A 4DQ.

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PROTECTION OF WRECKS ACT 1973

AREA OF RAME HEAD, PLYMOUTH TO BE DESIGNATED AS A RESTRICTED AREA

The Secretary of State for trade proposes to make an Order, under the Protection of Wrecks Act, 1973, designating as a restricted area all within 150 metres of the site off Rame Head, Plymouth, where a vessel of historic interest believed to be HMS Coronation lies wrecked on the seabed at Latitude 50° 18.57' North, Longitude 4° 11.98' West.

After the Order is made and comes into effect it will be an offence within this area to interfere with the wreck or to carry out diving or salvage operations without the authority of a licence granted by the Secretary of State.

If any person or body wishes to make representations about the proposal to make this Order they should write to the Department of Trade, Marine Division, Branch 1C, 90/93 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6LP by 8 February, 1978.

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Copies of the relevant draft schemes may be obtained from the Commissioners at 1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ, and any representations should be sent to them at that address within 28 days of the publication of this notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that I, Dr SALAHUDDIN ABDUL-WAHAB QARAGHOLI of 66, Kenton Court, Kensington High Street, London W14 8NN (and also of Guys Hospital, York Clinic, Borough High Street, London, S.E.1) is APPLYING to the Home Secretary for NATURALISATION, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Under Secretary of State, Home Office (Nationality Division), Lunar House, 40 Wellesley Road, Croydon, CR9 2BY

NOTICE is hereby given that Man-Ming Kut of 52 Beechwood Avenue, Kew Gardens, Surrey, is applying to the Home Secretary for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Under Secretary of State, Home Office (Nationality Division), Lunar House, Wellesley Road, Croydon CR9 2BY.

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7.30 Newsday.
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9.00 It's Patently Obvious.
9.30 Play: Foreign Affairs, by Don Shaw.
10.25 Cinema.
11.00 The Light of Experience, part 4: A Strange Release.
11.15 News.
11.25-11.30, Closedown. Peter Jeffrey reads Wodwo by Ted Hughes.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 5.10 pm, This is Your Right. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.45, News. Granada Reports. 6.30, Wish You Were Here . . . ? 7.00, Thames. 8.00, Film: To Catch a Thief, with Cary Grant, Grace Kelly. 10.00, Thames. 12.00, George Hamilton IV.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Women Only. 2.25 Thames. 5.15, Happy Days. 5.45, News, Northern Life. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Film: Houseboat. 10.00, Thames. 12.00, The Adventurer. 12.30 am, Epilogue.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Professor Kitzel. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. Scotland Today. 6.30, Report. 7.00, Thames. 8.00 Film: The Only Game in Town with Elizabeth Taylor, Warren Beatty. 10.00, News at Ten. 10.30, Welcome to the Ceilidh. 11.00, Thames. 12.00, Late Call. 12.05 am, Out of Town.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 5.15 pm, News. Dynomutt. 5.45, News. Ulster. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30, Reports. 7.00, Thames. 8.00, Film: Houseboat with Sophia Loren, Cary Grant. 10.00, Thames. 12.00, Make it Account.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 5.15 pm, Emmerdale Farm. 5.45, News: Grampian Today. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Film: Houseboat, with Cary Grant, Sophia Loren. 10.00, Thames. 12.00, Reflections.

Border

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Horses in Our Blood. 5.45, News: Lookaround Wednesday. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Film: Houseboat with Cary Grant, Sophia Loren. 10.00, Thames, 12.00, Local News.

Thames

12.00, Cloppa Castle. 12.10 pm Daisy, Daisy. 12.30, Sounds of Britain. 1.00, News. 1.20, Help! 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, *Hadleigh*. 3.20, Heart to Heart. 3.50, Couples. 4.20, *Michael Bentine*. 4.45, Pop Quest. 5.15, Emmerdale Farm.
5.45 News; Thames at Six.
6.35 *Crossroads*.
7.00 This Is Your Life.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 Film: Grand Slam, with Edward G. Robinson, Janet Leigh.
10.00 News.
10.30 A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers: Winston Churchill.
11.00 Evening Standard Drama Awards.
12.00 Night Gallery.
12.25 am, Close; Leonard Pearcey reads a poem by Hillaire Belloc.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 5.15 pm, Mr and Mrs. 5.45, News. ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Film: The Burglars, with Omar Sharif, *Jean-Paul Belmondo*, Dyan Cannon. 10.00, News. 10.30, Darts. 11.00, Thames. 12.00, *Police Surgeon*.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 2.00 pm, Houseparty. 2.25, Thames. 5.15, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.45, News. Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 8.00, ATV. 10.30, Thames. 12.00, Southern News Extra. 12.10, Healthy eating. 12.35 am, Weather, Hadley Wood.

Channel

1.18 pm, Channel News. 1.30, Thames. 6.00, Channel News. 6.15, Dynomutt. 6.35, Thames. 10.32, Rising Damp. 11.00, Thames. 12.00, Epilogue.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.02, *Noel Edmonds*. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.31, Peter Powell. 2.00 pm, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 7.00, Sing Something Simple.† 7.30, Listen to the Band.† 8.15, Semprini. 9.02, Bing, part 4. 9.55, Sport. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00, News.
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6.00 am, As Radio 1. 7.32, Terry Wogan.† 10.02, Jimmy Young.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton.† 4.30, Waggoner's Walk. 4.47, John Dunn.† 6.45, Sport.† 7.02, As Radio 1. 10.02, The News Huddlines. 10.30, The Show with Ten Legs. 11.02, Brian Matthew. 12.00, News.

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6.55 am, Weather: News. 7.05, Bach, Chopin, Mendelssohn.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Kalinnikov, Dvorak.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Brahms.† 9.50, The Victorian Organist.† 10.35, Omega Guitar Quartet Concert, part 1.† 11.10, In Short. 11.20, Omega Guitar Quartet, part 2.* 12.05 pm, Vaughan Williams, Rubbra, Bax.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Walton, Schubert.† 2.00, In Repertory: Talk by David Pountney. 3.00, Concert, part 1: Maderna, Dorward, Wilkins.† 3.40, Interval Reading. 3.50, Concert, part 2: Dallapiccola, Harper. 4.35, Building a Library.†
5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Lifelines: Language and Communication. Kontakte, part 13: Muss ich lange warten?. 7.00, Allez France! part 13: Je voudrais que . . . 7.30, Recorder Recital: Lotti, Bononcini, Handel.† 8.00, Concert, part 1: Walton, Hindemith.† 8.50, The Arts World Wide. 9.10, Concert, part 2: Strauss.† 10.05, Scientifically Speaking. 11.00, Szymanowski.† 11.25, News. 11.30, Schubert Song.†

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6.15 am, News. Farming Today. 6.35, Up to the Hour. Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, A Better Mousetrap. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, You, the Jury. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, What Ho! Jeeves. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Rainy Day.† 3.50, Choral Evensong. 4.35, Story: Bulldog Drummond, part 8. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.35, Labour Party Broadcast. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.30, My Music.† 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, File on 4. 8.00, Lord Peter Wimsey: The Five Red Herrings, part 4. 8.30, The Reith Lectures. Change in British Society, by Dr A. H. Halsey, part 3: The Reconstruction of Status. 9.00, Science Now. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 10.00, World Tonight. 10.30, Round Europe Quiz: England v Germany. 11.00, Book at Bedtime: Troubles, part 3. 11.15, Financial World. 11.30, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.03-12.06 am, Inshore Forecast.
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COOK.—On 23 January, in York, to Margaret and Patrick—a son (Richard).

CURTIS.—On January 22nd, to Helen (nee Parker) and David—a daughter, a sister for Donagh.

CUNNINGHAM.—On January 19, at St Mary's, Portsmouth, to Betty (nee Balding) and Eric—a son (Robert James Walter).

DAVENPORT.—On Wednesday, January 18, to Jim and Carole (nee Gleeson)—a son (Jonathan George), a brother for Jamie.

DUGGAN.—On January 20th, 1978, at Wycombe Hospital, to Kathleen (nee Friedlander) and Michael, of The Avenue, Amersham—a daughter (Emily Laura), a sister for Sophie.

FERRERO.—On 23rd January, at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Elisabeth and Eduardo—a son (Matteo).

FITZGERALD-SWAN.—On 16th January, 1978, at New Milford Hospital, Conn., U.S.A., to Virginia (nee O'Brien) and Anthony—a daughter (Claire Elizabeth), a sister for Julie and Kimberly.

GAMBLE.—On Jan. 24, at Horsham Maternity Unit to Diana (nee Pearson) and Peter—a daughter.

GREENWOOD.—On January 23rd, to Hester (nee Van Royen) and Nigel—a daughter.

HAMILTON.—On January 22 at East Dulwich Hospital to Sophie (nee Roderick) and Angus—a son, Patrick Joseph.

KLEMPKA.—On January 17th to Lois (nee Partington) and Edward—a daughter (Caroline Louise).

RADFORD.—On 23rd January at Torquay Hospital to Joanna (nee Mussa) and George—a son (George Nicholas Raleigh).

RUSH.—On 17th January, at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, to Heather (nee Lillie-Jones) and Nigel—a son (Robert Alexander).

SANDEMAN.—On 23rd January, at Cuckfield Hospital, Sussex, to Michele and George—a boy (Christopher Glas).

TIDY.—On 23rd January, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Helga (nee Hansmann) and Alan—a son.

WELFARE.—On January 23rd, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Nicky (nee Woods) and Hum—a son (William Swithun), a brother for Becky.

WHITE.—On January 21st, to Jennifer (nee Sargentson) and Christopher—a son (Julian).

BIRTHDAYS

JONES, RITA. Congratulations on your birthday. Love and best wishes, Alan.

MERCER, CYDNA, a very happy 25th birthday. Love.—Peter Mole.

DEATHS

BEATTY.—On January 23, 1978, Constance Hermine, wife of Dr. Cyril Beatty, of Gosfield Hall, formerly of London, Chinnor and Lustleigh. Funeral private. No flowers please.

BENTLEY.—On Jan. 23rd, 1978, peacefully, in The Drapers Wing of St. Christopher's Hospice, 51 Lawrie Park Rd., London, S.E.26, Kathleen Nora, devoted sister of the late Ethel Bentley and greatly loved by her family and friends. Service at St. John's U.R. Church, Somerset Rd., New Barnet, 2.45 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 27th, followed by cremation at Golders Green at 3.50 p.m. Flowers to Copelands, 9 Bromley Rd., Beckenham, Kent, by 12.30 or direct to St. John's Church. Alternatively donations to St. John's Church or the Drapers Wing.

BREMNER.—On January 23rd, 1978, Peacefully, at Edgecombe Nursing Home, Newbury, Alison Amy Frances, youngest daughter of the late A. M. Bremner, Bencher of The Inner Temple. Funeral service at St. Mary's, Sulhamstead Abbots, on Friday, January 27th, at 1.45 p.m., followed by private cremation. Flowers to Camp Hopson, Newbury.

CHRISP.—On Jan. 23rd, 1978, Joseph Henry Oliver, aged 68, of The Hall, Alnmouth, Northumberland, loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Peter, Rosemary, Roger and Tim. Service Alnmouth Parish Church, Friday, 27th Jan., at 11 a.m., followed by private interment. Family flowers only.

COOTE.—On 23rd January, 1978, Rear-Admiral Sir John Ralph Coote, Bart., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., of Monkton House, Broughton Gifford, Wilts. Beloved husband of Noreen. Funeral service St Mary's Church, Broughton Gifford on Friday, 27th January, at 2 p.m. Cremation private. No flowers or letters please.

CULVERWELL.—On Jan. 13th, 1978, suddenly at home, Beryl Phyllis, aged 52, of Woodholme, Widcombe Hill, Bath. Deeply mourned by her husband Tony and her children Diana, David and James. Cremation private.

DA CASA.—On January 23rd, 1978, peacefully in her sleep, Nina, beloved wife of the late José, adored mother of Dolores, Catherine, Joseph and Andrea, dearest grandmother to Anna, Mark and James and sister of Angela. Requiem Mass 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26th, at St. Joseph's and St. Mary's Church, Boxmoor, followed by interment at Bovingdon. Enquiries to France & Co. 01-405 4901.

DANGERFIELD.—On 21st January, 1978, peacefully, at St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, Brigadier Edward Paul Dangerfield, late R.A. Very dear father of Peter, June, Diana and Carol. Funeral private. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

DENHOLM.—On 24 January, 1978, at a nursing home, in Glasgow, Laura, daughter of the late Mr. [illegible], of Greenock, and dear wife for over 50 years of Sir John Denholm, 3 Octavia Terrace, Greenock (late of Glendower, Skelmorlie). A service will be held at Greenock Crematorium tomorrow, Thursday, at 2 p.m., to which all friends are invited. No flowers, letters, or phone calls, please.

DRISCOLL.—On Jan. 22nd, in hospital, R. Desmond, beloved of Edna, proud father of Terence. Dearly loved by his family and friends, his courage and wit though suffering was admired by all. Enquiries to Reading 84473.

FELL.—On 21 January, James Black of Stamford Rd., Brighton, aged 85 years "peacefully in his sleep". Dearly loved uncle of Joan, Rosemarie and John. Service at Downs Crematorium, on Friday, 27 January, at 3 p.m. Sprays only please may be sent to the Co-operative Funeral Service.

FLETCHER.—On 22nd January, suddenly, Penelope Emily, deeply mourned by family and friends.

FUREY.—On January 22nd, suddenly at home, Thomas John Scott (Jake), much loved husband of Jenny and father of Allison, Clare, Katherine and Duncan. Funeral at St. Marylebone Crematorium, East End Rd., London, N.2., at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, January 27th. Flowers to Cooksey & Son, Upper St., London, N.1.

GORDON, LALLIE.—On January 20th, at her Mayfair residence, peacefully in her sleep, aged 82. Funeral private.

GREENSHIELDS.—On 23rd Jan. 1978, suddenly at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, Peter Low Greenshields, dearly loved husband of Margaret (Stewart) Abbey House, New Abbey and dear father of Robin and Lulu. Service at St Johns Church, Dumfries on Thursday, 26 Jan. at 1.15 pm. Funeral thereafter to New Abbey Churchyard — all friends respectfully invited to attend. No letters by request.

GRIFFITHS.—On Jan. 23rd, suddenly in hospital, Doris Eirene, aged 81 years, widow of Sir Hugh Ernest Griffiths. Beloved mother of Hugh and Elizabeth (Liz) and adored sister of Muriel Barter. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday, 27th Jan., at 2 p.m., in the West Chapel. Flowers to Kenyons, 132 Freston Rd., London, W.10.

DEATHS

HUGHES.—On January 21, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Richard Vincent Hughes of 10 Barnstable Mansions, E.C.1. Former secretary of The Shaw Society. Requiem Mass at Our Most Holy Redeemer Church, Clerkenwell, Tuesday, 31st January, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Golders Green Crematorium. Requiescat in pace. Amen. Flowers to Cooksey and Sons, 46 Amwell Street, E.C.1.

JANTET.—On January 21st, 1978, peacefully at the Middlesex Hospital, Madame Renée Jantet, aged 74, dearly loved mother of Georges, Madeleine, Paul, Monique, Bernard and Suzanne, beloved by her sons-in-law and daughters-in-law and by her 16 grandchildren. Requiem Mass at Notre Dame de France, Leicester Place, W.C.2, at 9.45 a.m. on Friday, January 27th. Flowers to A. France Ltd., 45 Lamb's Conduit St., W.C.1. 01-405 4091.

KORN.—On January 20th, suddenly, at the Royal Free Hospital, Morris, of 35, St. John's Wood Court, N.W.8, dearly loved husband of Margaret. Cremation, Golders Green at 3.30 p.m., today, Wednesday, 25th January.

LYNAM.—On January 20th at his home in Oxford, after a short illness, Joc, dear husband of Barbara, brother of Audrey and late headmaster of the Dragon School. Funeral service at Saint Andrews Church, Linton Road, on Wednesday, 25th January, 1978, at 2 p.m. Private cremation afterwards. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, may be sent to the Lynam Educational Fund, c/o The Dragon School, Oxford. Memorial service to be announced later.

MARES.—On 19th January, 1978, in a road accident, Henry Wardill, beloved son of Elizabeth and Eric, and brother to Charles and Catherine. Funeral at Dunedin, New Zealand, 24th January.

MONTGOMERIE.—On 22nd January, 1978 after a short illness, Elizabeth (Betty) Montgomerie, aged 73, daughter of the late Captain William Montgomerie of The Leinster Regiment and half-sister of Anthony Cussans. Funeral service at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton, 11.45 Friday 27th. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to Lady Chichester Hospital, New Church Rd., Hove.

MOORE.—On January 23rd, 1978, in hospital, Alice Mary Sylvia (nee Donne), widow of W. A. M. Moore and beloved mother of Diana of Merifield, Hawkhurst, Kent. Funeral service Hawkhurst Parish Church, on Monday, 30th January, at 2.15, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

MORROW.—On January 23rd, at his home, 29 The Ridgeway, Epsom, Surrey, aged 64, Leonard Arthur Morrow, beloved husband of Molly and father of Howard and Hilary, senior partner of Kingsford, Dorman & Co., Solicitors, of Lincoln's Inn, London. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, on Monday, January 30th, at 2 p.m.

MORTON, FRANK HOWARD.—Retired principal Customs and Excise. Peacefully at Ham Green Hospital, Bristol. No flowers please, donations in lieu to The British Heart Foundation.

O'CALLAGHAN.—On 21st January, at Elanora Heights, Australia, Major Cornelius Edward Alexander O'Callaghan, of Askham Bryan, York, father of Patricia Bell and husband of the late Dorothy and of Nicki.

RAMSAY.—On 21st January, David Patrick Maule, aged 59 years, in hospital in Madrid. Only surviving son of the late Hon Sir Patrick Ramsay, K.C.M.G., and the late Lady Ramsay. Father of Sylvia and David and half brother of Christopher and Pamela Tower.

ROBINSON.—On January 13th, 1978, Eileen, late of Dene House, Hook Heath, Woking, widow of Sir Arnold Robinson and formerly of George Kay, much loved mother of Joan Chamberlain and Margaret Lawrence. Funeral has taken place privately at her special request.

ROE.—On January 23rd, 1978, suddenly, Richard Campbell (Dick), of Hartley Down, 60 Christchurch Rd., Bournemouth (formerly of Sale, Cheshire), aged 80 years. Dearest husband of Maizie and devoted father of Lorraine and David, who will be sadly missed by all his family. Funeral service Bournemouth Crematorium on Saturday, January 28th, at 9.45 a.m. Further enquiries tel. 0202 743158.

ROOME, KATE GARDINER.—On Jan. 21st, 1978, widow of Rev. James Vesey Roome. Funeral St. James Ansty, Wiltshire, 2.30 p.m. today, Wednesday, 25th.

SIMMONS.—On January 21, 1978, peacefully at Thames Bank Nursing Home, Goring-on-Thames, Frances Mary of Morton Lodge, Binfield Road, Wokingham, Berks. Funeral Service will take place at All Saints Church, Wokingham on Friday, January 27 at 2.30 pm.

SMOLENSKI.—On 19th Jan., in fatal accident, General Marian Josef Smolenski, O.B.E., late of The Free Polish Armed Forces, aged 83. Requiem mass St Andrew Bobolas Church, 27 Jan., 2 p.m. Dear husband of Anna (nee Lada), father of Maciej, of Kasia Smolenski-Crouzat.

SONDERGAARD.—On January 18th, 1978, suddenly in Lagos, Nigeria, Arne of Monberg and Thorsen, Copenhagen. Dear father of Simon and Martin. Funeral will take place privately in Sonder Omme, Denmark.

STEPHENS.—On January 22nd, 1978, William, of 7 Lavington Court, Putney Hill, S.W.15, dearly beloved husband of Aileen and father of Bill. After many years of courageous fight against illness. Family flowers only. Donations instead to The Myasthenia Gravis Research Fund, 55 Macaulay Rd., SW4 0QP. Service at 2 p.m. on Friday, 27th January, at Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Rd., Putney, S.W.15.

THOMAS.—On Jan. 18th, 1978, peacefully at St. David's Nursing Home, Ealing, in his 76th year, Eustace Albert D'Oyly Thomas, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., late of the Air Ministry, devoted husband of Rosamna and father of Justin. Requiescat in Pace.

THOMSON, ELIZABETH MARY JOAN (nee Hamer), aged 63 years, widow of David S. Thomson of Honey Cottage, Sandhurst, Kent. On Wednesday, 18 January, as the result of a road accident. Funeral on Tuesday, 31 January, at 10.15 at Sandhurst Church. No flowers. Donations to Church Restoration Fund.

TOWER, MARY ESTELLE (Dinah).—On 23rd January, peacefully, at home, the widow of the late Admiral Sir Thomas Tower, K.B.E., C.B., loving mother of Sylvia, Susan, Stella, Serena and Sonia. Funeral Sway Parish Church, 11.15 a.m., Wednesday, 1st February.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

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DEATHS

TRUDGIAN.—On 14th January, peacefully, at St. Austell, aged 89, Dr. Helen M. Trudgian, formerly of Newquay and lecturer at the Universities of Exeter and Durham.

VAUDREY, JESSIE VERONICA.—On January 22nd, peacefully, at Brookwood Hospital, Woking, aged 85, of 2 Ormonde Rd., Horsell, Woking, and late of Ashbourne, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Edmund Vaudrey. Funeral at Mappleton Church, near Ashbourne, Monday, January 30th, at 1.30 p.m.

WHEELER.—On Jan. 22nd, suddenly, but peacefully, Mark, aged 74, of Southways, Cuddington, Aylesbury. Funeral at Whitchurch (Bucks.) Parish Church, Friday, Jan. 27th, at 12 noon. Flowers, if desired, to S. J. Capp & Son, Whitchurch.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BEDFORD. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Tony Bedford will be held at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, E.C.2, on Thursday, 26th January, 1978, at 12.00 noon.

CARR.—A thanksgiving service for the life of Richard P. Carr will be held on Tuesday, February 7, at noon, in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, S.W.1.

HARMAN.—A memorial service for Terence Harman, O.B.E., will be held in St. George's Church, Hanover Square, London, W.1 on Friday, 27 January, 1978 at 3.00 p.m.

HODGES.—The memorial service for Colonel John (Alexander Phelps) Hodges, M.C., T.D., will be held in Sherborne School Chapel on Saturday, February 4, at 12 noon.

TILLMAN.—A Memorial Service for Alan George Tillman will be held at St. George's Church, West Grinstead, Horsham, Sussex, on Wednesday, February 1st, at 2.30 p.m.

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HYLAND.—VINCENT HYLAND, late of 94 Crandley Court, Pepys Estate, Deptford, London, S.E.14, was found dead there on 6th February, 1977 (estate about £6,500).

MURPHY.—PATRICK EDWARD MURPHY otherwise PATRICK MURPHY, late of 2 Caversham Road, Kentish Town, London, N.W.5, died at Islington, London, N.19 on 4th July, 1977 (estate about £2,400).

STEVENS.—WILLIAM GEORGE STEVENS, late of 339 Bruce House, 1 Kemble Street, London, W.C.2, died there on 7th January, 1977 (estate about £4,150).

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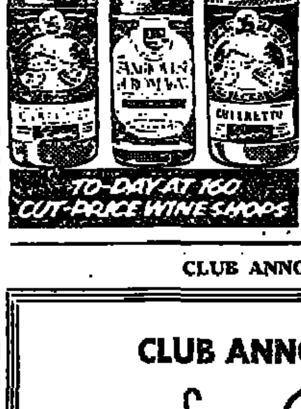

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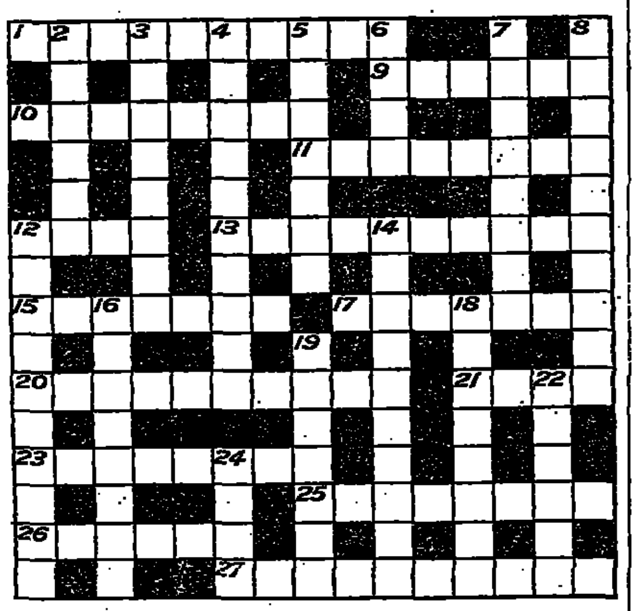

ACROSS

1 Tax assessment means nothing to Jack (4-6).
9 Honour Paul, the night-rider (6).
10 Swindle the French backer appears to fall for easily (4, 1, 3).
11 Field event could mean heavy penalty (4, 4).
12 Leads to an inside porch (4).
13 Speedy operator lent a hand (4, 6).
15 Same pre-fabricated current units (7).
17 One enters exchanges with violent speeches (7).
20 Frock is appropriate for evening wear (5-5).
21 River where one goes for drives (4).
23 Surpass no Russian distance record (8).
25 Categorized as part-title of Keats's poem (8).
26 Coin to operate juke-box at the Odeon? (6).
27 They hold charges and reduce amounts (10).

DOWN

2 Direction to leave boards (6).
3 Put moral pressure on former pupil—'51 entry (8).
4 Do they enhance hearing aids? (10).
5 Keeping step with what's fashionable on the stage (2, 5).
6 Lively cricket (4).
7 Pulled from bed and exposed as phony? (8).
8 Avoids commitment to rate increases (10).
12 Place pot in new position (10).
14 Where there are beds for natives of Kentish Town? (10).
16 Does it inhibit the growth of love? (8).
18 They may be definite leaders, for instance (8).
19 Tunnel underpass (7).
22 Make beloved Ena red with embarrassment (6).
24 Endless story about mineral production (4).

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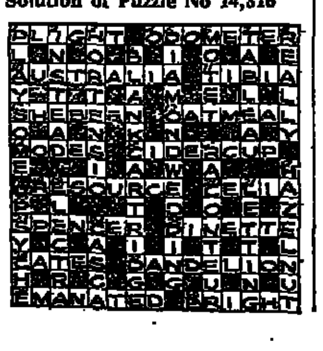

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